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## CU-ICAR allies with Petty for safety

Young drivers are main focus of safety improvements.

JONATHAN YONGUE  
STAFF WRITER

Clemson University's Automotive Safety Research Institute (ASRI) is partnering with the Richard Petty Driving Experience (RPDE) to form the Safe Driving Program in an effort to, according to the ASRI's Web site, "prevent or reduce highway crashes by high-risk adolescent and young adult participants by measurably improving driver skills, attitudes, knowledge and behavior."

The program is geared toward the drivers with the highest risk of car crashes, between the ages

of 16 and 25, and will teach necessary driving skills in a classroom environment and exercises by "placing students in hazardous driving situations in a controlled and safe environment."

Professional driving instructors will coach the students through the hands-on exercises.

According to the Safe Driving Program's Web site, exercises will include crash avoidance, emergency lane change, two wheels off the road, tailgating exercises and others.

The Safe Driving Program hopes to teach drivers to anticipate certain dangerous situations, enforce the severity of motor vehicle crashes and show them safe driving techniques that have the potential to save their lives.

The Automotive

### TEEN DRIVING STATISTICS

53% of teen driver deaths occur on the weekend



Automotive Safety Research Institute

Increased risk is due to immaturity and inexperience

40% of all deaths are single car crashes operated by young drivers

Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for 15-20 year olds

On average someone is killed every 12 mins in a traffic accident

Drivers aged 16-19 have a 4 times higher crash rate



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Every year about 41,000 people are killed on US roads

Source: CU-ICAR Web site

MEGAN BELL / graphics

Safety Research Institute is the safety arm of the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR), and its goal, according to its

Web site, is "to bring together nationally and internationally recognized researchers, educators, and government and corporate partners to improve the safety of the

automotive transportation environment."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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## Blood flows orange



DIA ZAFEROPULOS / photo editor

**ROLLIN', ROLLIN', ROLLIN'!** The Blood Vessel travels around campus to various locations to collect donations.

Students open their veins in hope of helping a good cause.

CAROLINE GARMON  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

While most students surf the web, catch a nap or watch television to relax between classes, Clemson students have the opportunity to give back to the local community with the second Annual Orange Pride Blood Drive.

Alpha Epsilon Delta, Clemson's Pre-Professional Health Honor Society, is hosting the second Annual Orange Pride Blood Drive.

The honor society is dedicated to exposing students interested in the medical field to careers within the health-care disciplines.

The blood drive takes place on Monday, April 9 through Wednesday, April 11 in honor of the Clemson-Carolina home baseball game on April 11 at 7 p.m.

On April 9 and 10, blood can

be donated from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, the blood drive will only be open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. because of the baseball game scheduled for that evening.

The drive will be set up in Hendrix Ballrooms A and B and in the Hendrix Multiuse Room.

Those giving donations will enjoy free food, music and the chance to win raffle prizes.

Additionally, Clemson students involved with Greek Life have the chance to benefit their organization because the most represented sorority and fraternity will win a prize.

Emma Bradshaw and Allison Praktish, both junior biological science majors and members of Alpha Epsilon Delta at Clemson, are co-chairs for the event.

Last year, the Annual Orange Pride Blood Drive received about 350 pints of blood; this year, the Alpha Epsilon Delta has set the goal at 700 pints of blood.

"This is such an important

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## Easter chicks may carry disease

Stick to Cadbury and resist the temptation to give cuddly critters.

BETSY BARROWS  
STAFF WRITER

If you are thinking about giving a friend a live chick or duckling this year for Easter then you might want to think again.

Recent studies show that these lovable little squeakers purchased during the Easter holiday season can carry a not-so-adorable trace of salmonella bacteria.

Salmonella, a group of bacteria named after the American scientist who first discovered this germ, Daniel Salmon, triggers symptoms of diarrhea, fever and stomach pain.

Symptoms should not last for more than a week and do not require medical attention unless severe dehydration occurs.

Although this is no sort of candy Easter basket candy,

toy egg or gift certificate, animals are still popular gifts to exchange during the Easter holiday season.

Whether they are used for the exchange of gifts, decoration of some sort or even if a person comes into contact with them in a nearby pond, lake or farm, the chicks can be harmful.

As the demand for these animals rises during the months of March and April, shipping them in large bulks results in less sanitary transportation conditions, making the chicks and ducklings more susceptible to disease and bacteria.

This is why there are greater numbers of salmonella outbreaks each year around Easter time.

Last year the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 81 people in 22 different states contracted salmonella because of interaction with chicks.

Salmonella outbreaks are so threatening that some states

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THE TIGER'S  
**Best of Clemson**  
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# Crime Stat plans to increase protection

A new form of technology will help police detect crime patterns.

**JENNY MASON**  
STAFF WRITER

City of Clemson police are taking a new step towards making the city safer in terms of crime prevention.

Beginning in May, the police department will use a new system called "Crime Stat" to help them map crimes that occur throughout the city. Crime Stat is a product of technology the department updated two years ago and the brain child of city police chief Jimmy Dickson.

"I stole the idea from the movie 'The Chief,'" Dickson said. "In the movie, they called it Comm Stat, but the city of Columbia has the same program, which they also call Comm Stat."

According to Dickson, plans began for Crime Stat after the updated technology provided crime mapping capabilities. Dickson and department offi-

cials began modeling the program after City of Columbia's Crime Stat.

"It's something we've really wanted to have," Dickson said.

Students at Clemson say they feel this program could improve the safety of the city.

"It's an important step forward in making the city safe," Libby Comtois, a senior studying early childhood education, said. "It sounds like it has the potential to really improve the safety of our community."

According to Dickson, Crime Stat will benefit the community by educating police about city crime patterns.

The police department will meet twice a month to review crimes in the three patrol zones that make up the City of Clemson. Then, the department can feed the information into their technology which will map out crimes in terms of type, place and time of occurrence.

The mapping will allow the department to allocate personnel appropriately based on the patterns of crimes.

Dickson said this can increase the safety of Clemson in three ways: slowing down

crime, increasing the clearance rates of crimes and catching criminals before they commit a crime.

Dickson said eventually he would like the Clemson University Police Department to be a part of the Crime Stat program.

"I have to crawl before I can walk, and walk before I can run," Dickson said. "We'll begin this program in-house, and then invite personnel from

other departments."

"I'm not aware of much crime that occurs on campus," said Comtois. "Usually more serious crimes occur off campus, but it couldn't hurt to expand this program to our University police. At least then the crimes that do occur have the potential to decrease."

Crime Stat does not require any additional funding, according to Dickson, because it is a function of the technology they



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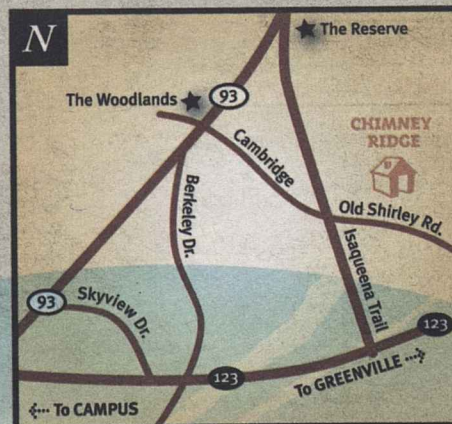
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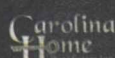
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## Question and Answer

**Do you think that crime is a serious enough issue in the Clemson area to implement a new crime program?**

"Any program made to address crime issues is a program worth looking further into. After all, every crime no matter how small to one, is large to another. It can only benefit the Clemson campus community and city community alike."

-Sharon Reese

Senior  
English

"I don't think that crime is a very big issue but I do think that it is a good idea to have a program devoted to crime. It could prevent something serious; even if the program only stops one serious crime, it would be worth it."

-Elena Shorbe

Junior  
Economics

"Yes, because any steps police (or other officials) take to decrease crime will benefit Clemson and make it safer for the students and other people, such as the residents and working people."

-Drew Lawley

Junior  
English

"Sure, I can't see any reason not to start a program like that. It won't hurt just to see if it does lessen crime. It would be worth a try to see what the outcome is."

-Jeff Howell

Junior  
Management



# FOUNDER'S DAY

## THOMAS GREEN CLEMSON 1807-2007

By Jenny McCallister/ Staff Writer  
Graphics and Photo by Ross Kucsera

Today the Clemson family commemorates the anniversary of Thomas Green Clemson's death on April 6, 1888, known as Founder's Day.

In his will, Clemson left 814 acres of land, several houses and many personal assets worth an estimated \$1.6 million today to establish a "high seminary of learning."

The governor of South Carolina signed a bill in 1889 that established Clemson Agricultural College, in accordance with Mr. Clemson's will, and the college began in July 1893 with 446 students and 15 faculty.

"It is important that all members of the campus and community take time to learn about and reflect upon the importance of the life of Thomas Green Clemson," said Josh Bell, student body president.

"He was a prominent statesman, diplomat and farmer in his time, and many students and faculty do not understand that we have Clemson University because of Clemson's desire to create a school to serve the needs that he saw in the late 1800s, with a design that has stood the test of time and the difficulty of change."

Tiger Brotherhood is hosting the Founder's Day celebration on Monday, April 9th at 5:30 p.m. at historic St. Paul's Episcopal in Pendleton. Each student, faculty, staff and community member is invited to come.

The service will showcase music that Clemson composed, artwork he painted and poems he wrote. President Barker will lay a wreath at Clemson's grave and offer his remarks on this special occasion. A reception will follow the service, with refreshments available for all guests.

"The service will feature an introduction of our founder as a creative, forward thinking individual," said Bell. "I will be there to celebrate and remember the outstanding achievements of Thomas Green Clemson - a man ahead of his time in intellect, artistry and foresight."

In addition to this day, Clemson University celebrates the entire year as the 200th anniversary of Thomas Green Clemson's birth on July 1, 1807.

The bicentennial celebration began in January with a lecture on Clemson's education and will continue throughout the year to honor various aspects of Clemson's life.

This past Tuesday, April 3, a colloquium held at the Strom Thurmond Institute focused on "The Multi-Talented Thomas Green Clemson." The panel consisted of four faculty experts, each of whom discussed different talents and interests of this "renaissance man."

Will Hiott, director of historic properties at Clemson and Fort Hill curator, began the discussion with a presentation on Thomas Clemson as an artist and art collector.

He explained that at the same time Clemson Agricultural College was established, so was a museum at Fort Hill with a collection of Clemson's paintings. Clemson's wife, Anna Calhoun, made a list in 1852 of all the paintings in the house that was

three pages long.

Hiott displayed the original list made by Anna Calhoun and then wrote an updated legible version beside it using blue text to signify paintings that are still in the house today and red text to indicate those which are no longer there.

Pictures in the collection range from landscapes and seascapes to religious topics and family portraits.

He explained that as Fort Hill was redone in the 1930's, some paintings were moved to Tillman Hall and then to Sikes Hall. Today, for the first time in 100 years, the paintings are back in Fort Hill.

John Kelly, vice president for public service and agriculture, was the second speaker in the discussion.

He focused on Clemson's accomplishments as an innovative thinker and learner that enabled him to excel in chemistry and agriculture.

"I think Clemson would have made a great faculty member today because he loved inquiry, experiments and applications," said Kelly.

Chalmers Butler, Warren H. Owen professor and alumni distinguished professor of electrical and computer engineering, was the third speaker in the discussion. He added to Kelly's comment by saying that he thinks Clemson would have earned tenure today as a result of some 22 journal publications.

Andrew Levin, associate professor of performing arts and director of orchestral activities, was the final speaker in the discussion. He focused on Mr. Clemson and the Calhoun family as musicians.

Levin explained that Mr. Clemson enjoyed writing music, producing pieces such as "The Calhoun March," "The Anna Polka" and "Carolina Forever." Clemson also played the piano and the violin, along with many other members of the family.

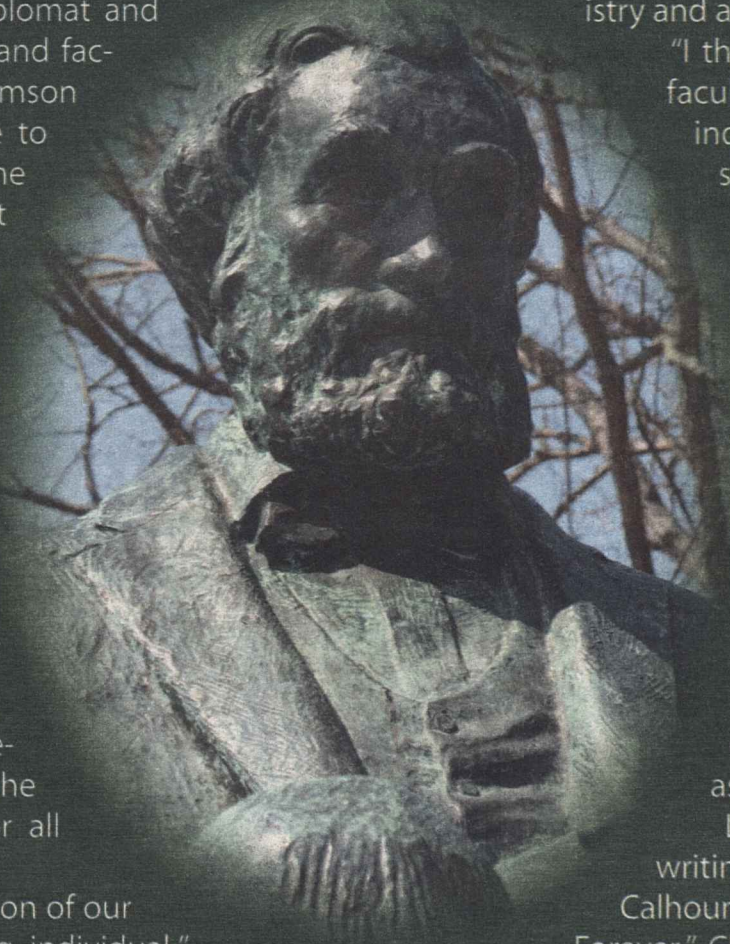
Levin also brought recordings and played music that was typical in Clemson's time period in addition to music that Clemson wrote.

Various exhibits will be held throughout the year at the Madren Center, the Cooper Library, the Hendrix Center and Fike so students and faculty can learn more about Clemson's family and property, artistic and scientific pursuits, education and international experiences. Currently, the Alumni Center has an exhibit on Clemson's will and legacy.

The anniversary celebration will continue this fall with additional panel discussions and a play about Clemson that will be performed by students.

The celebration will conclude in November with a re-enactment of Clemson's marriage to Anna Calhoun, happening at the same time as their wedding anniversary.

"Clemson's life served as a foundation for so many things, and I am grateful to serve the University at this historic point as we continue to grow and build upon the framework that he began," said Bell. "I feel a deep sense of gratitude and humility to serve the student body this year."





## Weekly World Update

### National Report

■ **"Barbie Bandit" suspect released on \$11,000 bail:** On March 31, one of the two "Barbie Bandits" was released on bail according to authorities. Nineteen-year-old Heather Lyn Johnson was released from the Cobb County Jail in Marietta, Ga. after posting an \$11,000, bond, said Cobb County Sheriff's Dept. spokeswoman Nancy Bodiford. Ashley Miller, 18, the other "Barbie Bandit" remains in jail. Both teens are charged with felony theft and marijuana possession. Johnson and Miller disguised themselves in sunglasses and appeared to be laughing in the security video footage as they robbed a Bank of America in Acworth, Ga. on Feb. 27 stealing almost \$11,000. According to a police detective who testified at a hearing, the two suspects allegedly went on a shopping spree and gave money to the homeless after the robbery. The heist is believed to have started out as a joke. Police have also charged another man and a bank teller in relation with the theft.

■ **New Amish school opens after shootings:** The New Hope Amish School opened April 2 for the students who survived the shooting that killed five children last October. The school, located in Nickel Mines, Penn., is located a few hundred yards from where the shooting took place. It is protected by secure locks on its doors and can only be accessed by a private drive. The new facility replaces the West Nickel Mines Amish School which was attacked by milk truck driver, Charles Carl Roberts IV, who shot 10 girls and then committed suicide. The building has neither electricity nor a phone, but natural light illuminates the one-room schoolhouse. Construction costs were paid for in part by \$4 million in donations to the Nickel Mines Accountability Committee. The remaining donations helped in providing care to the five surviving girls. Four of the five wounded girls have returned to school.

■ **Federal government looks into the regulation of car emissions:** The Supreme Court ordered the federal government on Monday, April 2 to review the regulation of carbon dioxide emissions from cars. The court reported that the Clean Air Act gives the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to regulate emissions of greenhouse gasses and carbon dioxide from cars in a 5-4 decision. Many scientists support that the greenhouse gasses flowing into the atmosphere contributes to global warming. The court said that states have the right to sue the EPA and to challenge its decisions. The Clean Air Act gives the EPA the authority to regulate tailpipe emissions of greenhouse gasses.

### World Report

■ **Palestinian journalists strike in Gaza City:** Palestinian journalists began a three day strike to protest the kidnapping of British Broadcasting Corp. correspondent, Alan Johnston on April 2 in Gaza City. Johnston is the longest held reporter ever abducted in the Gaza Strip. He was kidnapped as he returned to his apartment in Gaza City on March 12. No information of his whereabouts, condition or the demands of his captors has been released to the authorities. Seven hundred Palestinian journalists, intellectuals and aid workers protested outside of Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh's office, claiming that the government has failed to secure Johnston's release. Officials suspect that members of the powerful Gaza clan captured Johnston, but security officials are reluctant to pursue it.

■ **French architect claims to have solved pyramid mystery:** A French architect says he has solved the mystery about how Egypt's Great Pyramid of Khufu was constructed. The architect, Jean Pierre Houdin, asserts that the Egyptians used a spiral ramp to hoist huge stone blocks into place. The pyramid was constructed 4,500 years ago by Khufu and consisted of three million stone blocks. Houdin took into account the types of copper and stone tools used during the time of construction, the massive granite and limestone blocks, the pyramid's location and the strength of the workers. After eight years of studying, Houdin released his findings and a computer program of a 3-D simulation, portraying how workers would have built the pyramid. Allegedly, the builders set up an outer ramp for the first 140 feet and then constructed the inner ramp in a corkscrew shape to finish the 450-foot pyramid. Houdin plans to test his theory through non-invasive on-site tests.

■ **381 dead after four days of fighting:** A human rights group, Elman Human Rights Organization, reported on April 2, Somali forces and Islamic insurgents killed 381 and wounded 565 people after four days of fighting in Mogadishu. Since Somalia's transitional government said it planned new attacks on Ethiopian troops, civilians have been told to leave insurgent-held areas in Mogadishu. According to the U.N. refugee agency, 47,000 people have sought refuge six days prior to the attack. The insurgents are connected to the Council of Islamic Courts which was driven from power last December by both Somali and Ethiopian soldiers and the United States' Special Forces. The United States has charged the courts for having links to Al Qaeda. The Islamic courts accumulated thousands of tons of weapons and ammunition during the span of six months that they occupied Mogadishu.

## Campus Sweep dusts grounds

Student volunteers dedicate their time and energy to beautify and clean the local area.

**CAROLINE GARMON**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As you walked by the library over the course of this past Friday, you may have noticed an unusual smell and an empty reflection pool. Or, if you were downtown picking up some lunch, you might have noticed the students along the side of the road planting and cleaning up the area. Clemson students, faculty and staff worked alongside each other to plant flowers, spread mulch and clear debris during the 12th Annual Clemson Sweep which took place on Friday, March 30. This year, Campus Sweep placed emphasis on cleaning the campus after several landscaping projects were completed. A tree-planting ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on the lawn of the President's home kicked off the event. The event, sponsored by Clemson

University's student government (CUSG), focused on litter pick-up through the promoted efforts of the Solid Green anti-litter campaign. Participants worked on numerous projects on campus, downtown and even in places such as Abernathy Park. "The true spirit of Clemson University comes out in Clemson Sweep," Tyler Gailey, a junior studying political science and the student services director for CUSG, said. "It is truly amazing to see students, faculty, staff and community residents taking pride in our community by cleaning and beautifying the area."



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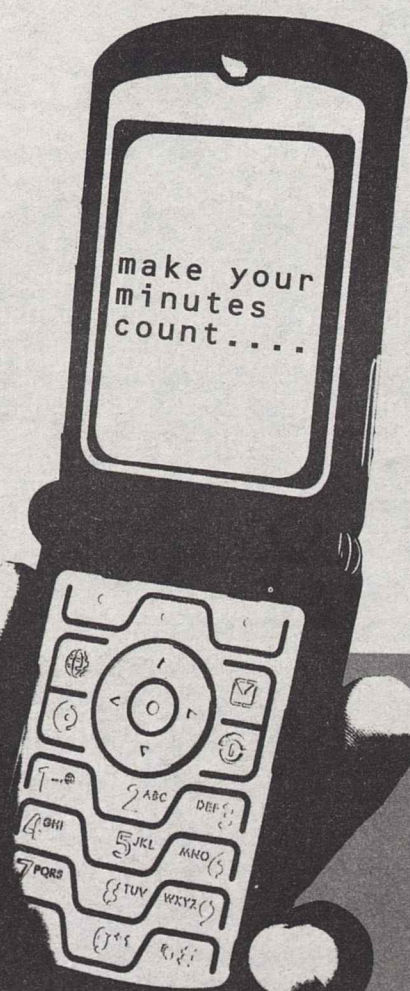


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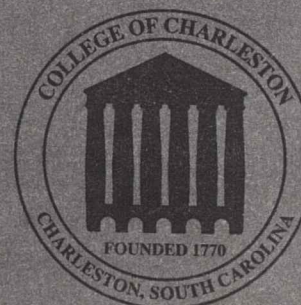
**DREAM CLEAN COMES TRUE:** Volunteers Marie Smith, pictured above and Sabra Harrison and Julie Hopkius, pictured to the left, work on planting, weeding and picking up litter around the Clemson area.

## MAYMESTER/ SUMMER SCHOOL

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**May Evening**  
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## News By Numbers

**184**

The number of hours that Japanese musicians performed for, breaking the world record for the world's longest concert.

**3,200**

The age in years of the hair archaeologists just retrieved in France, belonging to the mummy of Pharaoh Ramses II.

**8,200**

The amount in dollars that a taxi driver was stiffed on a cross-country fare by a female passenger he drove from Beverly Hills, Calif. to North Carolina.



# National honor society arrives

For the first time in three years Clemson is honored with new society.

**JENNIFER SALANE**  
NEWS EDITOR

On April 2, Clemson University received a charter for the establishment of a new chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on campus.

Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest undergraduate honor society in the nation, has chapters at 276 institutions across the country and includes half a million members.

Upon its creation on Dec. 5, 1776 by five college students at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., Phi Beta Kappa became the first society to have a greek-letter name.

These first few members created the backbone for other Greek oriented establishments as well that established characteristics that each society should develop and

maintain.

According to the society's national Web site, "an oath of secrecy, a badge, mottoes in Greek and Latin, a code of laws, an elaborate form of initiation, a seal and a special handclasp" are essential for each member to take part of, understand and incorporate into the daily activities of the establishment.

The mission of Phi Beta Kappa since its establishment has been to "champion education in the liberal arts and sciences, to recognize academic excellence and to foster freedom of thought and expression," according to the society's national Web site.

Phi Beta Kappa recognizes three types of members: its current members, alumni and honorary members.

According to the society's national Web site, "Membership in the Society is for life."

As the focus of the Society is on liberal arts and sciences, the qualifications and application process for Phi Beta Kappa are relative to the strengths in both fields.

"It is a culmination of their hard work and dedication," Scott Lurding, associate secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, said.

"A Phi Beta Kappa chapter at Clemson demonstrates that the faculty, administration and students are committed to the values of a liberal arts and sciences education."

This society is unique in that they encourage current students, faculty, alumni and even honorary members to apply.

Phi Beta Kappa awards their new chapters every three years. Clemson is one of the six new chapters to be added in the past three years.

"This is a very important milestone for Clemson," Clemson University President James F. Barker said.

"Our heritage and strength as a research university is in the sciences and engineering."

We are very proud that Phi Beta Kappa has now recognized the excellence of our faculty and our undergraduate programs in the humanities, arts and sciences."

## CHICK: Popular pets may cause health issues with children *from page A1*

have passed laws prohibiting giving small birds as Easter gifts.

The intestines of the animals can carry bacteria, which then contaminate the entire surface of their bodies. The salmonella bacteria are then transmitted in a two step process.

First, the animals are touched on a part of their body which contains traces of their feces.

Bacteria are then ingested as a result of touching one's mouth or food afterward.

Simply holding a chick or a duckling, even for only a brief moment, can result in contracting the harmful bacteria.

"Contracting salmonella is more common than people think," Marifraser Carpenter, a senior studying nursing, said. "Not only can you get it by touching infected animals, but also by eating infected poultry or eggs as well. The scary thing is that you can't detect salmonella."

Carpenter said that symptoms can be remedied by taking an anti-nausea medicine, such as Dramamine, and an anti-diarrhea medicine, such as Imodium. Anything which will help prevent dehydration.

"Drinking Gatorade can also help," Carpenter said. "The electrolytes help maintain bodily fluid."

If you own a chick and you suspect your pet has salmonella, take it to the local veterinarian.

According to the Tiger Town

Animal Hospital in Clemson, "the bacteria are curable with the proper use of antibiotics."

To prevent the risk of contracting salmonella, consider the following precaution: Always wash hands immediately after handling baby chicks or ducklings.

If you happen to own a chick or duckling, keep them away from the kitchen to prevent food from being contaminated.

Advise parents or teachers against exposing children to chicks and ducklings.

Given their weaker immune system and the fact that they are less likely to wash their hands, children are at the greatest risk for con-

tracting the bacteria.

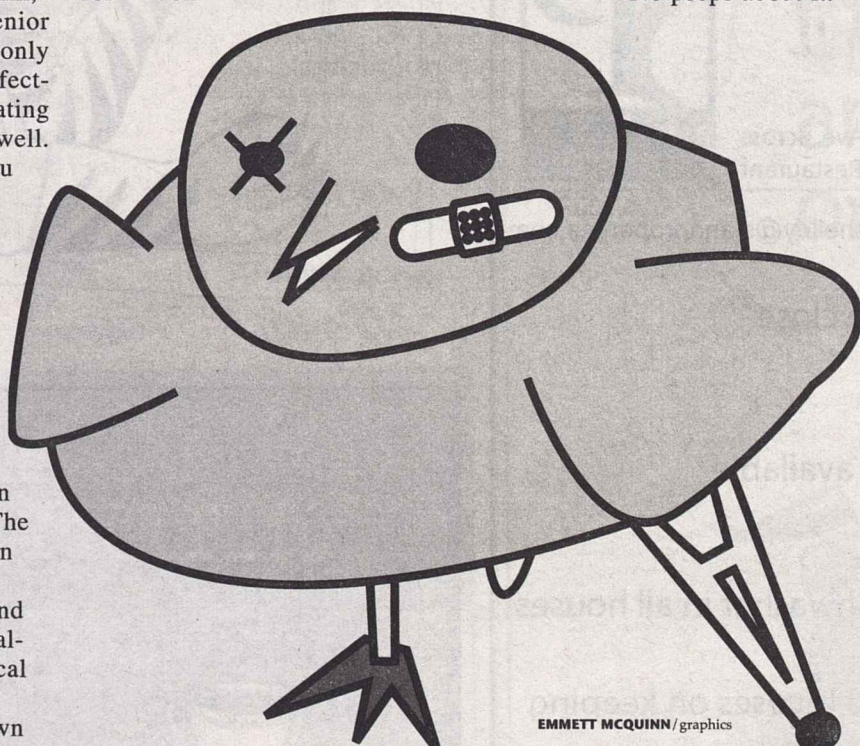
Children under the age of five should not be allowed to hold these animals.

Finally, try to avoid giving a small kiss to these cuddly creatures.

"Risks of caring for certain pets should always be made known to the customer either in writing or in person," Keith Reich, employee at R & R Pets and Supply in Anderson, said.

This year for Easter, though it may be tempting to hold or give away a sweet chick or duckling, you might want to consider a Cadbury egg instead. It's just as sweet and 100 percent safe.

No peeps about it.



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## In the Books

### Campus Arrests

The following are arrests that were made by the Clemson University Police Department from Monday, March 26 through Tuesday, April 3.

#### March 27

4:21 p.m., Kevin Blake, public disorderly conduct, Hendrix Center, officer: Harrington

#### April 1

3:57 p.m., Phillip Burch, driving under the influence, Perimeter Rd., officer: Harrington

#### April 2

8:31 a.m., Angeline Andal, simple possession of marijuana, E-1, officer: Moore

5:02 p.m., Christopher McKinley, fraud, Cox Plaza, officer: Zagorski

### Crime Report

The following calls were among those that Clemson University Police responded to from Monday, March 26 through Tuesday, April 3

#### March 26

4:15 p.m., computer crime, Lever, officer: Gibson

6:03 p.m., burglar alarm, Hanover House, officer: Dozier

#### March 28

2:23 a.m., disturbance, Baseball Stadium, officer: Dozier

3:57 p.m., damage to vehicle, R-1, officer: Cheeks

10:10 p.m., vandalism/petty larceny, Bowman Field, officer: McGill

#### March 29

2:44 p.m., theft from vehicle, P & A Building, officer: Schiraldi

#### March 30

9:58 p.m., minor in possession, Johnstone, officer: Harrington

#### March 31

11:42 p.m., driving under suspension, Highway 93, officer: Cassell

#### April 1

8:56 p.m., vandalism, Calhoun Courts, officer: Cheek

### Fire & Rescue

The following calls were among those that Clemson University Fire Department responded to from Monday, March 26 through Tuesday, April 3.

#### March 27

2:42 p.m., smoke, Highway 93, CUFD

5:37 p.m., brush fire, Highway 93, CUFD

#### March 29

9:58 a.m., vehicle fire, Hugo Drive, CUFD

2:06 p.m., elevator entrapment, Sikes, CUFD

7:59 p.m., elevator entrapment, Library, CUFD

#### March 30

10:10 p.m., fire alarm, Daniel Drive, CUFD

#### March 31

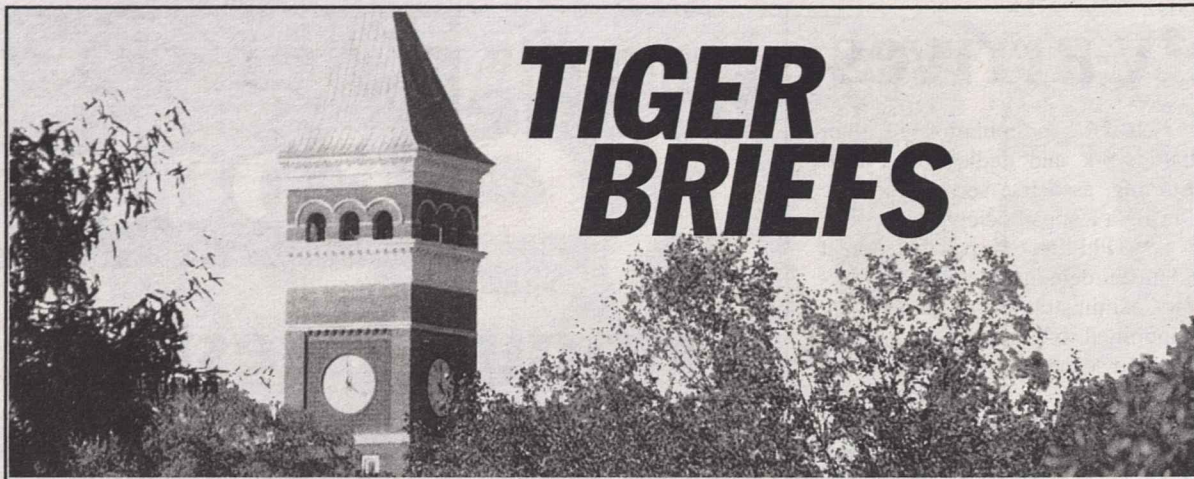
5:10 a.m., fire alarm, Mauldin Hall, CUFD

#### April 2

10:53 a.m., fire alarm, Fike, CUFD



# TIGER BRIEFS



## State park hosts American Revolution Historical Celebration

Ninety Six National Historic Site will host a free event, Revolutionary War Days, in which spectators will surround themselves with more than 300 years of history. The event takes place on April 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and April 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. takes place every other year. United States Congressman J. Gresham Barrett will be the key note speaker, and a special ceremony commemorating the lives lost during the American Revolution will be observed at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Entertainment includes live colonial music, acrobatics and activities for children, as well as reenactments of patriots, loyalists, militia and colonial families. Ranger-led tours and talks will be offered for the special event and an author's forum will be set up to learn about the role of women during the Revolution. The park is located two miles south of the town of Ninety Six on Highway 24.

## Clemson president, athletic director and mascot race students to Howard's Rock

On March 31, Clemson students joined President James Barker, Athletics Director Terry Don Phillips and the Clemson Tiger in the Eighth Annual President's Race for the Library - Race to the Rock to benefit the campus library

system. The course was set up throughout campus and ended at the football stadium. Each participant had the opportunity to experience the Clemson tradition of "running down the hill" after the race for the awards ceremony. A medal and \$50 cash prize was awarded to the top male, Christopher Dohndt of Anderson, S.C. with a time of 17:20, and female, Judy Walls from Piedmont, S.C. with a time of 19:51. Prizes also went to male and female winners in nine separate age groups.

## Clemson University police conclude investigation

The traffic accident involving a Clemson Area Transit bus and Clemson student Kellie Jureka on Feb. 13 has reached a verdict. She was injured and airlifted to Greenville Memorial Hospital moments after being hit by the CAT bus. The S.C. Highway Patrol investigated the traffic accident and reported that the pedestrian's inattention contributed to the accident. Jureka stepped off the curb onto the road, and the report stated that Jureka walked into the path of the bus, which was traveling at about 10 miles per hour. No charges are pending. Clemson dean of students, Clemson's Society of Physics Students, Women of Science and Engineering and First Year Experience residents on west campus have joined to establish a fund to help Jureka with medical

expenses.

## Student-led activities and banquet help children

On March 29<sup>th</sup> the First Annual Camp Sertoma Fundraising Banquet, "A Night at Camp," was held to benefit children with speech and hearing impairment and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Based on preliminary totals, the organization raised approximately \$7,000. Clemson bioengineering graduate student Sagar R. Shah is the president of the organization. "This is truly a substantial amount and significant milestone for our club," said Shah. "Not only was this event completely student-led, but it was the very first one! No doubt, the success of the event is reflective of the kindness and generosity present in our community." Shah said that the purpose of the Sertoma is "SERVICE TO MANKIND" by communication of thoughts, ideas and concepts to accelerate human progress in health, education, freedom and democracy. According to Shah, Sertoma organized celebrations for Halloween and Easter at a local children's home, collected canned food items for a soup kitchen, raised funds for Relay for Life, participated in the Wacky Boat Race to support Clemson Child Development Center and hosted Christmas parties for the Big Brother/Big Sister organization.

## BLOOD: Students bear the discomfort *from page A1*

cause because there is currently a critical blood shortage in South Carolina," said Bradshaw. "We are hoping that Clemson students will see this blood drive as an opportunity to positively impact our community and surrounding communities here in South Carolina by decreasing the shortage."

AnMed Health Blood Center is the local blood bank sponsoring the second annual Orange Pride Blood Drive.

The blood center supplies all of the equipment, volunteers, free snacks and T-shirts.

Located in Anderson, the center is the sole provider of blood and blood products for AnMed Health Medical Center, AnMed Health Women's and Children's Hospital and other area hospitals and medical centers.

"Donating blood is an extremely important cause," said Praktish.

"It is a free and relatively painless way to support the community and save up to three lives."

For those who are hesitant about donating blood or who have never donated before, AnMed ensures that the donation process is simple and normally takes only 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

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After the donor is cleared, the process takes only four to seven minutes with the pain only consisting of a slight pinch that should only last for a few seconds in the beginning.

"The AnMed trained employees and volunteers are extremely kind and are constantly checking to make sure patients are comfortable throughout the entire process," said Bradshaw.

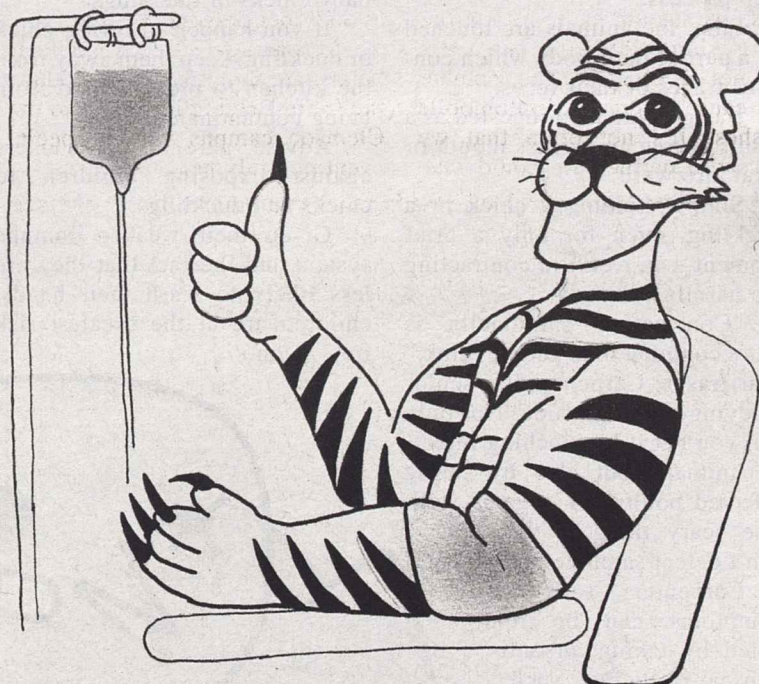
Praktish encourages Clemson students and faculty to donate blood.

"Donating blood is completely safe and relatively painless," said Praktish. "A slight pinch on the inside of the arm is all you should feel. And the entire process from start to finish will only take about 45 minutes."

In addition, every donor will get a free t-shirt, Chic-fil-A sandwich, snacks and be entered into a raffle to win other great prizes."

The idea of catching students on the way to-and-from class, on the way to lunch, heading to the library to study or even on their way home keeps the volunteers of AnMed Health Blood Center willing and ready to return to Clemson for another blood drive.

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## CAR: Plan decreases vehicular accidents *from page A1*

(NHTSA), the leading cause of death among 15 to 20-year-olds is traffic crashes.

There were more than 6.3 million police-reported motor vehicle crashes in 2002.

One occurs every five seconds.

On average a person was injured every 11 seconds and someone killed every 12 minutes.

Kim Alexander, executive director of ASRI, is Clemson's spokesperson and leader of the research team responsible for RPDE research.

She also recognizes the impact car crashes have on the Clemson community.

"The recent deaths of students in car crashes have again made this issue very personal for those of us in the Clemson Family, said Alexander.

"I agree wholeheartedly with President Barker that something must be done to stop the deaths and injuries of Clemson students on our highways.

"I truly believe that this partnership with Richard Petty Driving Experience is one great big step forward in this cause."

President Barker expressed enthusiasm surrounding the program.

"We are losing far too many (young people) to automobile crashes," said Barker.

"If a disease were the leading cause of death for 15 to 20-year-olds, we would pour all of our energy into finding a cure. But it's not a disease. The number one cause of death is automobile crashes. It's not often that we can say a partnership could save

lives, but in this case it's no exaggeration."

Richard Petty, born in Level Cross, N.C. and known to many as "The King" of NASCAR racing, is one of the most successful drivers with 200 career victories and seven Nextel Cup championships in his career.

Not many people in NASCAR's history have made such an impact off the track.

According to its Web site, the Richard Petty Driving Experience was designed as a driver search program and allowed customers the "experience of driving or riding in a stock car at some of the most famous racing facilities."

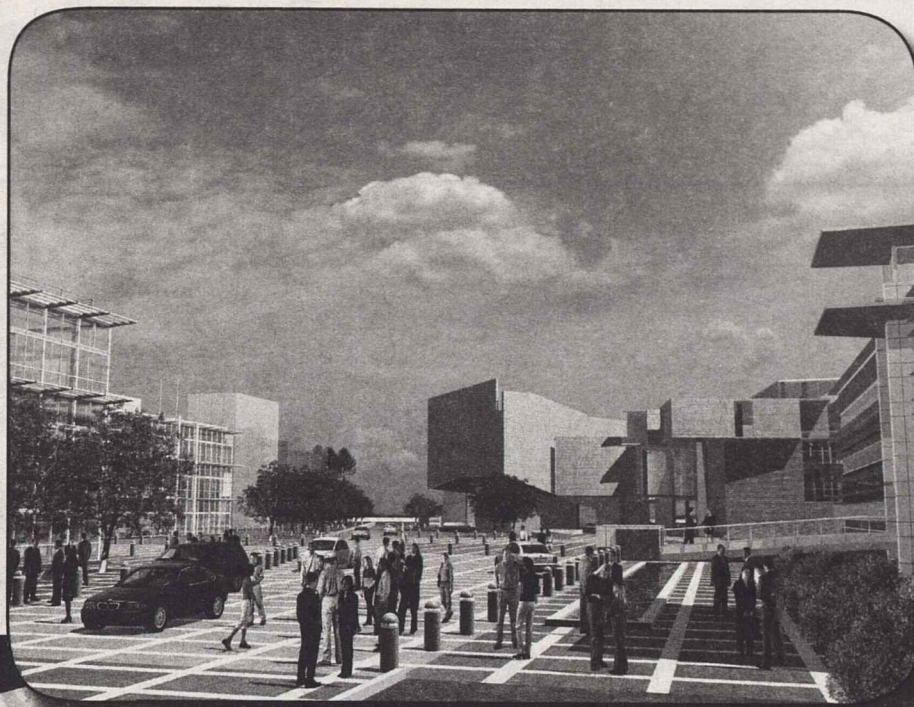
Richard Petty's son, Kyle, who won True Value's Person of the Year award in 2002, the Myers Brothers Award in 2000 and 2004 for his humanitarian efforts, is also working with the program.

Kyle also founded the extremely successful Chick-fil-A Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America to raise money for children's charities around the nation.

Kyle and his wife, Pattie, are also known for their Victory Junction Gang Camp, founded in 2004 in order to enrich the lives of chronically or seriously ill children.

The Safe Driving Program is touring the country this year, with stops including Atlanta, Charlotte and Orlando, with prices starting at \$329 per person.

According to Alexander, "plans are underway to introduce the (Safe Driving Program) to the Clemson campus with a special event possibly next fall."



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**ZOOMING IN ON THE FUTURE:** An aerial view of the CU-ICAR digital city plan shows a layout that could potentially cut down on highway accidents.

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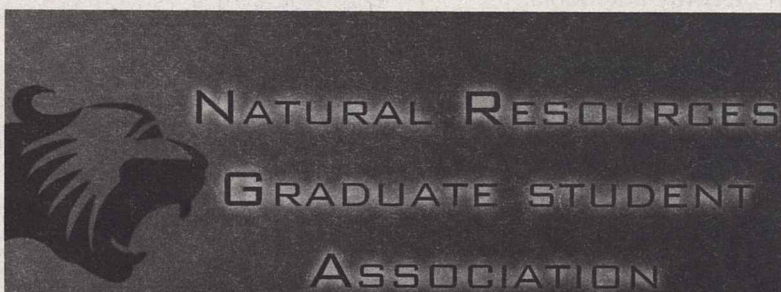
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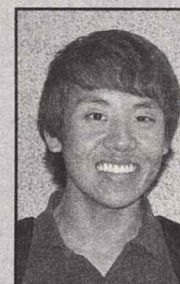
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## Proposed tuition cap will only hurt

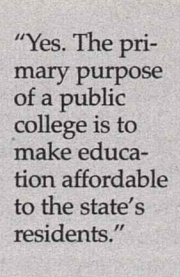
## SPEAKING

Is a tuition cap for Clemson University a good idea?



**Delong Le**  
Pre-Vet  
junior

"Yes, because the tuition cap will be a wake up call for the people handling funding to put all the money the school has to academics."



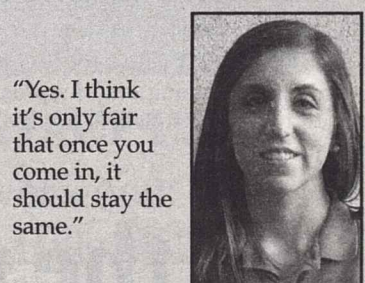
**John Monarch**  
physics  
sophomore

"Yes. The primary purpose of a public college is to make education affordable to the state's residents."



**Karen Stratman**  
ENR  
freshman

"Yes, because a higher tuition rate will deter people from coming to Clemson."



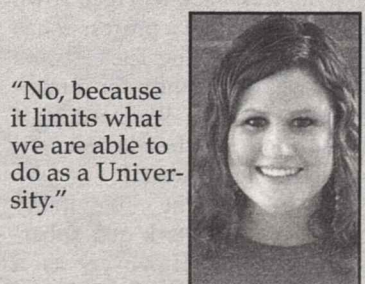
**Katie Harris**  
communication studies  
sophomore

"Yes. I think it's only fair that once you come in, it should stay the same."



**Lakeena Alexander**  
financial management  
senior

"Yes, because tuition goes up every year. It makes it hard for those with less money or work to pay for tuition."



**Lindsey McKinney**  
bio-chemistry  
junior

"No, because it limits what we are able to do as a University."

South Carolina's state legislature is considering a tuition cap for all of its public universities. Backed by the House of Representatives and Gov. Sanford, the cap would limit the tuition increase in South Carolina to five percent for next year, taking the ability to set the price of tuition out of the universities' hands.

Gov. Sanford's proposal has a laudable principle behind it: A good education should be available to anyone who wants it. Certainly, placing an education on the same consumer shelf as a house or a car or a week's vacation to Florida seems twisted, even wrong. Learning is too valuable a thing to tag with a price, right?

However, this line of thinking, though noble in some regards, has seriously limiting implications for education as a whole and can prove a dangerous inhibitor to South Carolina's institutions of higher learning.

A public university gets the majority of its money from two sources: students' tuition and the state budget. Universities raise their tuition in order to keep up with the demands of a growing campus, faculty, curricula and student body. Simple economics. This increase is what students at Clemson have witnessed — and lamented — lately. Often, however, states will limit the tuition at a particular university in order to keep it more affordable. This cap can be absorbed by the University as long as the school's state budget is augmented to compensate, balancing the scales, so to speak.

The South Carolina tuition cap has gone through the state legislature before, and it has been

voted down due to a lack of sufficient funding in the state's budget for its public universities: There wasn't enough money on the other side of the scale. But this time through, the proposal has more support. The tuition cap is accompanied by a proposed increase in the amount of state funding. It sounds good; however, in the 2000-02 school years, the state drastically cut funding for its public universities — so much so that today the state budget for higher education is \$ 96.2 million less than it was at that time. That's a lot of money. And the legislature's proposed increases have yet to match the deficit those cuts created.

This cut speaks loudly about the priority of University education in South Carolina. More importantly, it represents a huge hurdle to Clemson's goal of maintaining its status as a top tier institution that offers a high-quality education (the goal of any self-respecting school). With the added pressure of a tuition cap, Clemson will be choked. The university will not be able to keep up with the increase, and the school will suffer for it.

Appropriately, President Barker calls Gov. Sanford's proposal "a quality cap." The entire theory of a tuition cap, especially

when it is accompanied by inadequate funding, is a downward spiral. The idea is to make an education affordable and give more people the opportunity to attend a college or university. However, the logic doesn't exactly follow: A rise in enrollment leads to the need for expanded programs; expanded programs of any kind demand more money; and more money

means that, somehow, the school is going to need a source. Somewhere, the system has to give. If there is no more money from the tuition or the state budget, the school must bend its programs to fill the gap. It must cut its quality.

Reducing the price to increase the number of students could also affect the quality of Clemson University in another manner, one that eats at the school from the opposite direction. South Carolina's best and brightest will leave high school to pursue their dreams ... out of state. If universities like Clemson do not have the money to maintain reputable programs, the smartest and most talented students will seek other places to attend. Schools like Harvard and Duke University attract an obscenely large amount of intelligent people — students and

### THE ISSUE SOUTH CAROLINA'S STATE LEGISLATURE HAS PROPOSED

A TUITION CAP FOR ITS  
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### OUR VIEW A TUITION CAP WILL ONLY HARM THE SCHOOLS AF- FECTED BY THE LEGISLATION AND REDUCE THE QUALITY OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY.

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### New rules seem arbitrary and hurtful

Saturday, March 17th was my first visit to Doug Kingsmore Stadium for Clemson baseball this year. It may well prove to be my last.

Everywhere my disabled wife and I have attended sporting and cultural events, including at Clemson, we are allowed to sit together, with her in her wheelchair and me at her side. The Bi-Lo Center and the Peace Center in Greenville, games here on campus, at the racetrack, indeed everywhere we have been, we have always been cordially accommodated. Until March 17th.

Entering, we were informed that Clemson was no longer allowing caregivers accompanying disabled individuals to sit with them at game. When asked why, the attendant could give no reason other than "that's what I was told".

If it was a matter of room, there were only three wheelchairs in attendance, and plenty of unused room. I was told that I could stand behind my wife for the duration of the game. I sat several feet behind her instead. A man in a wheelchair and his female companion also were denied seating together, and left shortly after entering, never to return.

If enough disabled people were attending a particular event and required all of the allotted space for wheelchairs, I would happily move for them. However, if space is available, I could see no harm and only good coming out of a proactive decision to allow caretakers to join their charges.

I regret that Clemson has decided to enact such an arbitrary and uncaring policy. I am even more concerned that this policy could spread to all Clemson athletic and cultural events. If that becomes the case, and this policy is not amended to allow caretakers to join their disabled companions on a space available basis, I feel that our continued participation as active, on-site supporters of Clemson activities would have to be questioned.

In closing, let me say that "SOLID ORANGE" and "ONE CLEMSON" should be a motto for ALL of the Clemson family; however, by these actions I have described, this is not really the case at present. Clemson should be promoting inclusion, not segregation; unity and respect, not division. I merely ask for human compassion and logic to be applied to this situation. If not, then these slogans are just that... meaningless advertising prattle that distorts what the reality of inclusiveness, diversity and solidarity at Clemson University truly is.

James (Ed) Rollings  
Due West, South Carolina

### Judicial process at Clemson unfair

The judicial process at Clemson is inherently unfair. The Sixth Amendment to the Constitution gives every American citizen the right "to have the assistance of counsel for his defense" and "to be confronted with the witnesses against him" when being tried. Anyone who has been through Clemson's judicial process knows that these rights are violated by Clemson on a regular basis.

If you are tried by the Office of Student Conduct, you are not allowed to have any person speak in your defense, nor are any witnesses brought forth to testify towards your guilt. We as Clemson students lack the basic tools to properly defend ourselves if wrongfully accused. Clemson ignores a basic principle which has been the cornerstone of the American legal system: The defendant is innocent until proven guilty.

The backward policy that guides the judicial process at Clemson is that the defendant is guilty until proven innocent. The school determines if a student is guilty based on "whether it is more likely than not that the referred student violated the Student Code of Conduct." Student Code of Conduct, page two. This means that when a student arrives at the trial, they are already considered guilty. When tried by Clemson you do not have the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of your peers or the right to legal counsel.

This means that if you are falsely accused, you will most likely be found guilty.

Patrick Lowe  
student

## COMMENTARY

# Running and rewards

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Photo Editor



Achievement is a hard thing to measure, but this past weekend, I didn't need a ruler to determine my success. I ran my first 5K, and it was incredible.

Running is a hobby of mine, seeing as I've written two articles before this one about it. When I was forced to do it through athletics, I never liked it. Maybe it was the rebel in me, maybe it was the asthma. Either way, after a break from 5 a.m. friendships with a cold, dark sidewalk, I have come to terms with the sunrise and now love my running shoes.

As any runner would know, it's hard to always enjoy the sharp pain in your side or the throbbing in your lungs. You tell yourself, "It's only a little further," when in reality you're only on the first stretch. In the end, that first stretch is completely worth it when you're sprinting your last.

It was on a whim that I saw the e-mail for the Race to the Rock. I hadn't run a full 3.1 miles before, but I'd come close around perimeter. I signed up knowing that if all else failed, my entrance fee of \$18 would serve the library well. It was Thursday, March 29. My goal was to run further than 2.4 miles, my limit as of Tuesday.

I started uphill and just kept on trucking. Past FIKE, past Mell Hall, past Bowman... Before I knew it, my iPod was reporting, "2 miles completed." Yes! Only two fifths of a mile to go. Time flies by as fast as the wind in my ears. "2.2 miles completed... 2.4 miles completed..." Cue the hallelujah chorus: "3.0 miles complete."

Just to clarify, my iPod was talking to me because I was using my Nike+ sensor, the technology that my last running article was centered on. So anyways, once I hear the 3 mile marker, alongside some chords straight from the gates of Heaven, I sprint the rest of the distance directly towards my bright yellow car. It was my beacon of happiness that guided me to my success. "Congratulations, you've reached your goal of 3.1 miles," my iPod joyfully exclaimed (as joyfully as an automated woman's voice could exclaim).

This was all very exciting, but could I perform this miracle two days later, or was this a one-time thing?

I woke up at 6:45am Saturday morning. Check-in was at 7:15 and the race was scheduled to begin at 8:30. The morning's breakfast was a plate of nervous with a

trebling side of excitement. I was too frightened to park close to the course for fear of roads being inaccessible, so I walked from FIKE to the library. I was nearly breathless by the time I reached the check-in table. The slight lack of organization led me to make a small joke to a passer-by.

With a less-than-confident voice, I declared that I was a runner. The woman in charge flipped through the numbers and finally, at the bottom of the stack, there I was, participant 163. I felt important as I pinned on the reinforced sheet of paper. It was my superhero emblem; my muscles bulged and my kryptonite tolerance lowered. I was also given a sensor to tie into my shoelace for timing accuracy.

As it so happened, I ended up stretching alongside the person I casually joked with earlier. I felt a little more comfortable with a new friend. The anxiety of the race was lifted while discussing Apple technology (one of my favorite topics) and our preferred running tunes.

The tension was building before the beginning of the race. Everyone lined up at the start, a blow-horn bearer to my right and the Clemson Tiger to my left. Clemson cheers erupted into the air just before the mark of the start. The shrill horn suddenly split my eardrums and off we went.

The run was smooth, and my pace was consistent. I didn't push myself to keep up with the experts because I knew I'd simply die. I just kept telling myself, "Keep your abs tight and flex your feet." My form was a good distraction from the uphill trek towards Old Greenville Highway. I let my music pound in my ears as I calmly pounded down the he straightaway towards Tillman. I curved left and right as though smoothly skiing down the slopes in Aspen towards FIKE.

I was closing in. I reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> mile marker and was encouraged by someone shouting, "You're almost there!" I turned the corner towards the stadium and began to sprint. It was invigorating and yet embarrassing at the same time to have everyone cheering at the finish line. I knew I wasn't the best by far, but then again, I was measuring success with every stride.

My foot crossed the threshold in slow motion. For a brief moment, all time granted me a leave of absence and I held on to my happy moment. Sure, a 5K is no marathon, but that feeling of accomplishment comes with any successful completion. Maybe this story means something to you, maybe it doesn't. Regardless, just take a moment to think: what's your 5K?

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# Kick the post-Spring Break blues, finish strong

BRANDON  
JONES  
Columnist



It has arrived – the home stretch. The last few weeks that follow spring break are always a somewhat depressing time for college students. You have just returned from a week of debauchery, drinking and partying your way into oblivion. Then you make the trek back to Tiger Town only to realize that a professor has assigned a paper due Tuesday and that you have to study for a management exam on Wednesday. If only spring break had lasted until the end of the semester!

Every student inevitably experiences this stark and sobering realization. However, as a senior, it hits me hard. With law school applications already out of the way and graduation looming on the horizon, I am finding less

and less motivation to do much of anything as the days pass. Some of it has to do with laziness. Some of it has to do with a slight denial that I will be graduating in just over a month. Nevertheless, my slackness over the past couple of weeks (or even the whole semester) is inexcusable. I have been less concerned with how coherent my essay on Turkmenistan is and more concerned about what ridiculous team name I can conjure up for trivia on Wednesday night.

But the other day I had an epiphany – okay, maybe it was just a "what the heck are you doing" moment.

I received an email from my father encouraging me to finish out my college career strong and with no regrets. Some day, I will look back at this, my last semester, and wonder if I could have done more. I do not want that to happen, so I made a choice. I realized that I have successfully balanced my social and educational lives the last three years – why can't I do that now? How are law schools going to look

upon a diminished grade point average my last semester? What is my future employer going to think if they see a sudden drop in grades?

So, I have decided to do what I have been doing my whole Clemson career – find a balance between school and social life. Thanks for the advice, Dad.

I figured for the remainder of my time here, I would hit the books hard! I guess I can sacrifice watching South Park and Al Gore's constant quest for Man Bear Pig. Sure, I can sacrifice pizza night at Backstreets. Here's an idea – I could get things done during the day instead of watching television and taking naps!

But this is not just about me and my mission to finish my college career on a high note. It is about each and every Clemson student who faces this problem of post-spring break apathy. I know the temptations abound during the spring semester. Temperatures in the 80s. Jam-packed pools. Mid-week baseball games. The mid-afternoon golf game. Fight

through the temptations! Take advice from my father. Finish out strong. Don't look back ten years from now and wonder if you could have done more.

I am not saying to put your social life on the back burner. I am simply telling everyone to create a nice balance between it and school and not to be apathetic after spring break.

For freshmen, a bad semester leads to a grade point average that gets harder and harder to raise as the years pass. For seniors, a bad semester could hinder your chances at a certain job or graduate school.

Spring break has come and gone. I have finally recovered from my week and am back into the swing of things.

It was my last spring break as a Clemson University student, but I am not going to let that get in the way of finishing out my time here strong.

Am I going to stop socializing? Absolutely not! Am I going to stop going to trivia in order to study more? I don't think so! Who

passes up the opportunity to get a \$50 bar tab? What I am going to do, however, is create a better balance between my social life and school – the way I did the past three years. Get my work done first, then go out and play.

Don't let the post-spring break blues bog you down. Springtime is a time of renewal and rejuvenation. To students everywhere, I say keep the focus.

Don't get me wrong. Every student needs to have fun, and spring is a great time to get outside and enjoy sunny days, warm weather and the lake.

But remember to keep everything in perspective. And you are not alone. My goal is to finish this semester with a bang, so that when I walk across that stage on May 11, I can honestly say I did my best and have no regrets. Good luck with the rest of the semester!

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## COMMENTARY

# Value free speech but not every idea

ANDREW DAVIS

Guest Columnist

Last month, the "Vagina Monologues" was performed by the Clemson Players. Per usual with the presentation of such a controversial play, the factions of supporters and detractors came out following the controversy. While the presentation of the VMs would normally have gone without ever registering a blip on the radar of the average student, one group's protest of the play threw the campus into yet another divisive "controversy" about free speech and what is and isn't appropriate on campus.

A few days preceding the actual presentation of the VMs, the Clemson Conservatives chose to place flyers around campus saying things like "masturbation, homosexuality, and talking vaginas are not Clemson values" and "nobody likes a talking sex organ." Although the Clemson Conservatives never expected to get anything more than a chuckle from the student body, it became the focus of discussion in women's studies classrooms, campus newspapers and the student body itself.

But often these discussions are incredibly one sided and wrought with a fallacious view of the play.

The VMs have received criticism from across the political spectrum. This includes criticism from neo-feminists, who claim the plays harbor extreme anti-male and anti-heterosexual sentiments, to social conservatives, who rightly balk at skits such as "Reclaiming Cunt" and "The Little Coochie Snorcher That Could," in which a 13 year old girl is raped by an older woman, but later admits: "If it was rape, it was good rape."

While the supposed purpose of the VMs — to bring attention to violence against women — is admirable and should be lauded, the political overtones and obvious subversive agenda of the play completely undermine this purported nobility.

It is hard to rationalize skits about the virtues of lesbianism, and having adolescent girls orgasm on stage does nothing to further any anti-violence campaign — which are what some of the skits include.

Granted, not all skits are ris-

qué, and many carry a positive message. But the subversive personal agenda of the author overlays the little bit of commendable quality the play possesses. The play supports man-hating feminism and promotes a promiscuous, liberal approach to human sexuality — with violence against women as the mask it hides behind. In fact, Eve Ensler, the creator of the VMs, has been quoted as calling sexuality "delicious."

A true display about violence to women was the Genocide Awareness Project, which was at Clemson at the beginning of the month.

The fact remains that the far-left agenda pushed by the VMs under the façade of actually caring about women does not represent the traditional values Clemson was founded on. It is true that the VMs had every right to be shown on campus; the Clemson Conservatives never said otherwise.

In fact, the Clemson Conservatives has done more for free speech on this campus in its short two semesters in existence than any other student group has done. The Clemson Conservatives simply recognized their need to voice objection to the showing of this disgusting play while still respecting the right to show it.

There is no question that a college campus is a place where an unlimited amount of views thrive; however, these ideas are not immune from degrees of protest and disagreement. Before immediately attacking a conservative group strictly for promoting their idea of conservatism and then trying to undermine their position by stating they're against the very same right to speech they put themselves on the line to protect at Clemson for all students, stop for a second and think for yourself.

Students should be so lucky to have a group that is willing to break with the status quo and protect liberty and tradition here at Clemson, especially when so many others here at the university, including Clemson administrators, are so dedicated to trying to destroy both.

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# Biblical literacy belongs in school

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The Bible ought to be taught in America's public schools. To be honest, it should have always been part of every American child's education. Undoubtedly, the Christian Bible is one of the most influential documents in Western Culture; it is infused into the art, literature, political systems and ideologies that have shaped the United States. The Bible is far more widely read, quoted, alluded to and criticized than any other book in our culture, yet it is omitted from public education because "nobody wants to go down that road." Teaching the Bible is not unconstitutional, but most schools are unwilling to risk lawsuits and complaints that accompany teaching biblical literacy. The most influential piece of literature in the history of our culture is not taught to our youth because schools are reluctant to exercise their constitutional rights for fear of the public's response.

Recently, several public schools around the nation have started implementing Biblical literacy courses in their general curriculum. As expected, the Jesse Jacksons of every major world religion soon challenged their decisions by declaring that if the Christian holy book is to be taught, so too must all other holy books become part of public education.

Such a complaint is not a valid reason for the schools in question to rescind their decision to educate students on the Bible. The fact of the matter is that most Americans descend from the Judeo-Christian tradition. This is not to say that all minorities should then be excluded from education, but that the majority should not be excluded for the sake of not being able to fit in every single minority. For instance, not all Clemson students have ancestors hailing from Europe. Quite a few, in fact, claim at least some Asian, Pacific Islander, African, Caribbean or South American ancestry. The

general education requirement for B.A. candidates, however, includes two semesters of the history of Western Civilization. Does this mean that Clemson University does not value its minority students?

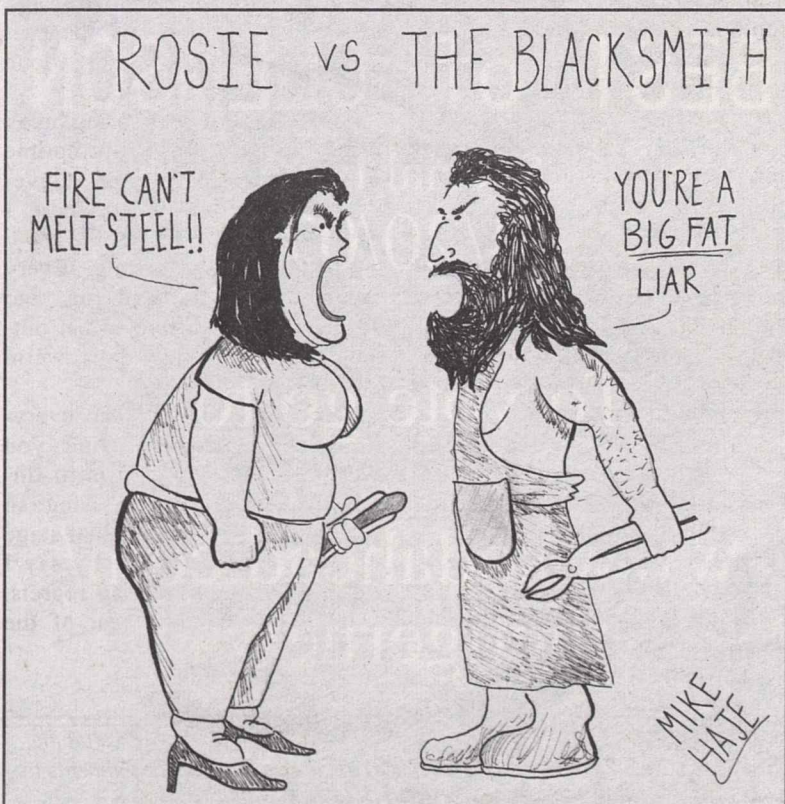
I would argue not. Likely, the courses in Western Civilization are required because American culture most closely descends from that of Europe. Imagine if, to be politically correct and adhere to the reasoning being used against public schools, Clemson broadened its general education requirement to include two semesters of study for every geographical area of the world. It just wouldn't make sense. Rather, the University has elected to educate its students on the traditions and history from which our nation and culture has mainly evolved.

One would be hard pressed to deny that the fabric of American culture has threads of the Judeo-Christian culture woven into almost every corner. Almost any study of art, literature, linguistics, history, politics or culture in general would be flagrantly abridged without reference to the Bible. A student's understanding of the Bible and the Judeo-Christian culture is not only important when considering matters directly related to religion, but also to gain insight into the context in which influential artists, writers and leaders once lived. Though contemporary America may have banned the book from schools, most of the statesmen and philosophers that either indirectly or immediately helped to form our nation and the artists and writers that shaped our culture were intimately familiar, in one context or another, with the Bible. Understanding them and their work, therefore, requires at least basic Biblical literacy.

It is not a school's job to censor or edit which portions of culture students are exposed to based on their tolerance for receiving criticism. Teaching the Bible in public schools is not only constitutional, but vital to the understanding of our culture within the context of our past.

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## CARTOONS



## PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

A woman in Kearney, Neb. called in a bomb threat to her work so that she could have the day off. Lady, it's been done.



Catholics in New York are outraged by an artist scheduled to display his work during Holy Week. Why? The artist's work is a six-foot tall chocolate Jesus.



In Tenn., police held suspect Alexander Cross for over a week on a statutory rape charge before a shower revealed that Alex was actually Elaine Cross, a woman.



A Sacramento theme park has banned screaming on a ride called "The Screamer." One person's response to the unusual ride: "It was breathtaking."



Two FedEx workers earned a free trip to Vienna in the back of a cargo plane after they fell asleep "while loading packages."



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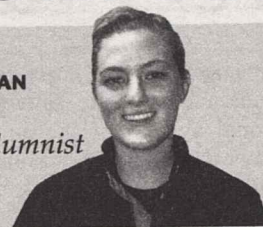
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## Protest harmful, lacks compassion

**DONOVAN  
JONES**  
Columnist



I will not state my opinion on abortion. I will not begin to describe how I feel about the issue — socially, politically, medically, practically or in any other way. It is not fair for me to assume that anyone cares.

However, I will state my opinion on people who do state their opinion on abortion — particularly on those who publicly offend strangers and practice closed-mindedness.

During the week of March 26, an anti-abortion campaign set up shop outside the Student Union and Schilleter, proclaiming that abortion was genocide by displaying large posters that presented images of aborted fetuses in various stages of pregnancy, likening the act to images of persons disfigured in the Holocaust, Darfur and Rwanda.

I'm still trying to figure out why anyone would choose to print gigantic posters of bloody biological effects on fetuses, plaster them to barriers beside equally large posters of real genocide and continue to hand out pamphlets with similar photos on them.

I don't care how you stand; abortion is a personal issue. It is just one of those things. You may not like it; you might counter that an aborted baby is an independent, innocent life that needs outside help from "non-offenders" or that others need to know the "truth" in order to become active about the political issue. However, it should not be covered without some objectivity in order to truly encourage truth. And, more importantly, it should be covered independently. To compare abortion to real-life genocide events is the most obnoxious claim I could imagine.

For one, the signs and protests completely disregard their audience. To campaign on a campus full of collegiate students from all over the world during a University-sponsored attempt to diversify, namely the One World Project, is to ignore the cultural practices of persons outside Bible Belt norms.

How can our University encour-

age acceptance among all persons and across all cultures if we have campaigns encouraging the shaming of political standpoints? The campaigners left no room for discussion or understanding — it was obvious that they were there to invoke paths by showing vulgar images and to shut down any opposition.

I think that what gets me more riled than anything about these displays was the fact that some people on this campus could easily have experienced this painful, treacherous experience in their own lives. They relive the effects of it everyday, and to shove it in their faces is inhumane.

Abortion is not the Holocaust, Rwanda or Darfur. As defined by The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, adopted by the United Nations, genocide concerns "national, ethnic, racial or religious" groups and does not even begin to imply that it involves personal decisions about pregnancy. So clearly, the campaigners did not identify abortion as genocide according to its definition.

It seemed instead that they chose to draw parallels between the physical disfiguration of humans involved in both acts. I wonder if these people would support U.S. efforts in war and defense. Is war — which often results in unwanted civilian deaths — not the same degree of genocide? I wonder if they eat meat or wear wool. Oh wait, I forgot that animals don't have feelings.

If the campaigners can make claims that abortion is equivalent to genocide, then I would love to see their efforts to stop other current acts of genocide. It seems that they are too concerned with awareness of personal issues, ones that mostly consider one person's decision at one time, based on circumstances, to spend time on national crises. If they were to publicly call for attention to raise funds for the victims in Darfur, in a potential location of persons who have lost children to the event, would they display the same gruesome photos? Or would they be more inclined to display some compassion and explain exactly what is happening abroad? Besides, who wants to see giant photos of bloody, disfigured babies?

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## Fleet-footed Ford turning into star

Track standout expects big things in Death Valley this fall.

**BUCKY BERLIN**  
STAFF WRITER

There was a moment when all the hype surrounding a speedy recruit at wide receiver was in question. A punt in the fourth quarter of Clemson's season opener against Florida Atlantic in the fall of 2006 drew a gasp from the crowd as the ball slipped through the hands of number six Jacoby Ford. The true freshman, who was clocked running a 4.126 40-yard dash in high school, had one momentary thought.

"I was like, 'man, Coach is going to kill me,'" said Ford.

That moment didn't last long.

As the ball bounced right back into his hands, Ford hit the jets, breaking tackles up the sideline as nothing but daylight stood between him and the end zone on his way to a 92-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Welcome to Clemson, Jacoby.

The 5'9", 180 pound native of Royal Palm Beach, Florida ironically draws size and speed similarities with one of his favorite NFL players: Steve Smith of the Carolina Panthers, who at 5'9" is one of the most prolific wide receivers and kick returners currently playing the game.

Yet Ford will be quick to tell you that there is only one player that he truly looks up to: his older brother Davy Ford.

"I look up to him a lot because of everything that he went through and all the adoration that he has given me," said Ford. "I wouldn't be at Clemson if it wasn't for him, because he pushed me to be the best that I could be."

Unfortunately football ended early for the older Ford, after consecutive knee injuries as a running back at Florida State set

him back and prevented him from excelling in his time with the Dallas Cowboys. He now passes on his wisdom to younger brother Jacoby.

"He was always telling me, 'Don't take anything for granted,' because you never know when it could end," said Ford of his brother's advice.

Ford in turn has seized every opportunity within his reach, including joining the ranks of the Clemson track & field team to contribute as a sprinter and to work on his speed year-round.

"We're always pushing each other," Ford commented on his training with Tiger track stand-out Travis Padgett, as well as fellow teammate and running back C.J. Spiller. "When you've got somebody fast to train with, it makes it a whole lot better."

Ford made quite the splash in his first indoor track season at Clemson, surprising no one more than himself.

"I'm happy about what I did this year for my first indoor season with track," Ford said about his second year running track. "I shocked myself a little bit."

His time of 6.518 seconds in the 60-meter dash during the ACC Indoor Track & Field Championships this year set an ACC and Clemson University record, earning him the titles of ACC Champion and Indoor Freshman of the Year. The time was also the fastest in the NCAA and the world this year.

Not too bad for a guy running track to stay in shape for football. Needless to say, he was the Florida state champion in the 100m and 200m dashes as a senior in high school, his only year running track there.

"A lot of people ask me if I would quit football to run track, but the answer to that is no," said Ford. "I would never quit football; that's something that I just love."

With a limited knowledge of physics, it can be calculated that an object traveling 60 meters in



BRIAN SCHNEIDER / staff

**LEFT IN THE DUST:** Lightning-fast receiver Jacoby Ford outruns Temple defenders en route to a 55 yard touchdown reception.

6.518 seconds would imply an average velocity of about 9.2 meters per second. That is just over 20 miles per hour, so at a dead sprint, Ford would actually be speeding on most of the roads around campus. Parking Services

agrees: "Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on the campus of Clemson University is fifteen miles per hour."

What would be an interest-

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## Clyne shines as Tigers down Dawgs

Clemson falls short in Miami series, bounces back against UGA.

**ERIC SPROTT**  
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in ages, Jack Leggett and his Clemson baseball squad didn't find the confines of Tiger Field to be all that friendly.

ACC foe Miami surprised the Tigers when they came to town last weekend. The Hurricanes, who entered the series with a deceptive 3-6 ledger in conference play, showed the talent and determination that has made them a mainstay

in the national polls over the past 20 years with their hard-earned series victory.

The Hurricanes' 10-3 victory in the Friday game marked the first Tigers defeat in an ACC home game since May 1, 2005. With the series win, Miami also became the first team to take a home ACC series victory from the Tigers since Georgia Tech in their April 29- May 1, 2005 series with Clemson.

In the Friday game, things got off to a promising start for the No. 16 Tigers in the third inning, when they scored three runs thanks to the timely hitting of Taylor Harbin, Marquez Smith and Doug Hogan, who each came up with an RBI in the third frame.

It was from that point that

things turned sour for the Tigers. Miami plated four runs in the next inning on their way to 10 unanswered runs, which helped them to a relatively easy 10-3 victory. P.J. Zocchi took the loss for Clemson-his first in four years as a Tiger.

Clemson bounced back nicely in the Saturday game, as pitchers Ryan Hinson, Stephen Clyne and Daniel Moskos allowed only three combined hits in a 4-1 Tiger victory. For the second time in as many days, Clemson scored three runs in the third inning, which was more than enough with the Tigers' outstanding pitching performance.

Hinson, who started the game, went six strong innings, allowing three hits, one earned run while striking out six. Brad Chalk totaled

three of Clemson's seven total hits to pace the Tigers on the afternoon.

In the rubber match on Sunday, Miami was able to get the best of the Tigers in a back and forth 7-6 victory. Though Clemson allowed 13 hits, they only allowed four earned runs as two errors and four walks hurt the Tigers.

Left fielder Addison Johnson turned in a fine performance for the Tigers, going three for four at the plate with two RBI. However, it was the early exit of star slugger Andy D'Alessio that grabbed the attention of Tiger fans rather than who was actually on the field. D'Alessio injured his groin sliding

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## A senior's memoir

**HOKE HILL**  
staff writer



Clemson University consists of thousands of students, each having a unique set of interests, goals and values that make them an individual. Every student is given the chance to become whatever they would like to be during their time here. But all students at this university are unified by the love of their Alma Mater.

I spent my entire childhood in Clemson, and when the time came to choose a college to attend, I could not pull myself away from this amazing place. I consider myself lucky to have been given the chance to spend five wonderful years here, time which has helped me become the person I am today. Throughout these five years Clemson sports have remained a constant huge part of my passion for this university. I have stood in the sea of orange for 56 football games and countless basketball games, cheering my Tigers on to victory with thousands of others, a group of individuals coming together through the unifying spirit of Clemson University. When I walk across the stage in just a few weeks, I will be taking with me memories that will last a lifetime.

My first experience with Clemson athletics as a student occurred with a trip to Athens, Georgia, for a game against the top 10 Georgia Bulldogs. Sadly, the Tigers could not pull out the close victory, but the game was a great introduction to the years of football to come.

Although the 2002 football season was lacking, the following season brought some of the most exciting moments of the last few seasons. A trip to Atlanta to face Georgia Tech in September saw the first combination of purple jerseys and white pants, and the Tigers jumped out to an early lead behind quarterback Charlie Whitehurst, finishing the game with a 39-3 win. Several games later, after an embarrassing loss at Wake Forest, the Tigers woke up for the remaining four games, memorialized as "The Finish" in Death Valley. Clemson defeated third-ranked Florida State, 26-10, for the biggest upset in school history. The win brought the first victory for head coach Tommy Bowden over his father, Bobby. After a lopsided defeat of Duke the following week, Clemson traveled to Columbia and handed the Gamecocks a 63-17 loss, their worst loss to the rivalry in decades. A great finish to a regular season earned the Tigers a trip to the Peach Bowl against tenth-ranked Tennessee. Clemson fans swarmed Atlanta to see the Tigers emerge victorious behind a strong effort from senior tailback Chad Jasmin. The final touchdown came on a "fumbleooskie" trick play that will

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### TIGER SCHEDULE

**BASEBALL**  
Friday 4/6  
Virginia Tech  
7 p.m.  
Blacksburg, VA

Saturday 4/7  
Virginia Tech  
2 p.m.  
Blacksburg, VA

Sunday 4/8  
Virginia Tech  
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Blacksburg, VA

Wednesday 4/10  
South Carolina  
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Friday 4/6  
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4 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

Saturday 4/7  
N.C. State  
1 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

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Saturday 4/7  
N.C. State  
12 p.m.  
Raleigh, N.C.

Sunday 4/8  
Wake Forest  
12 p.m.  
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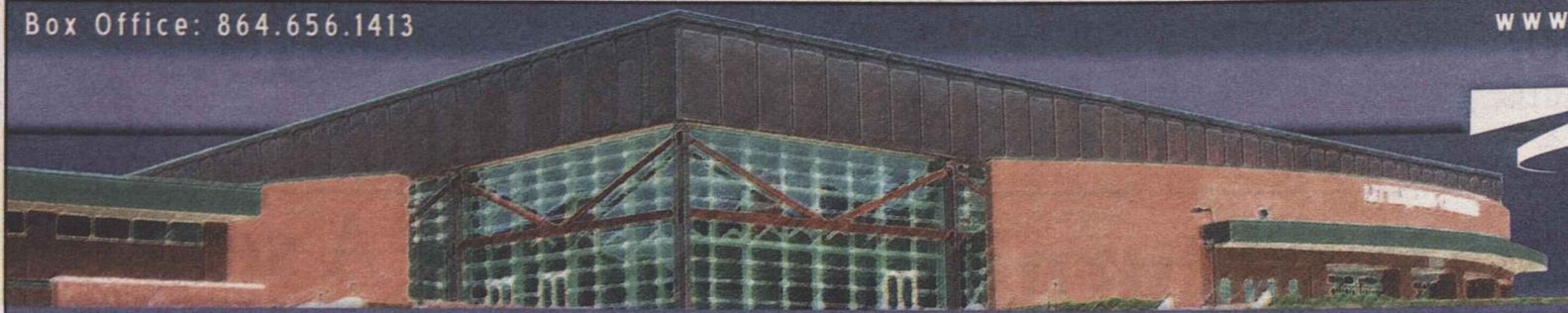
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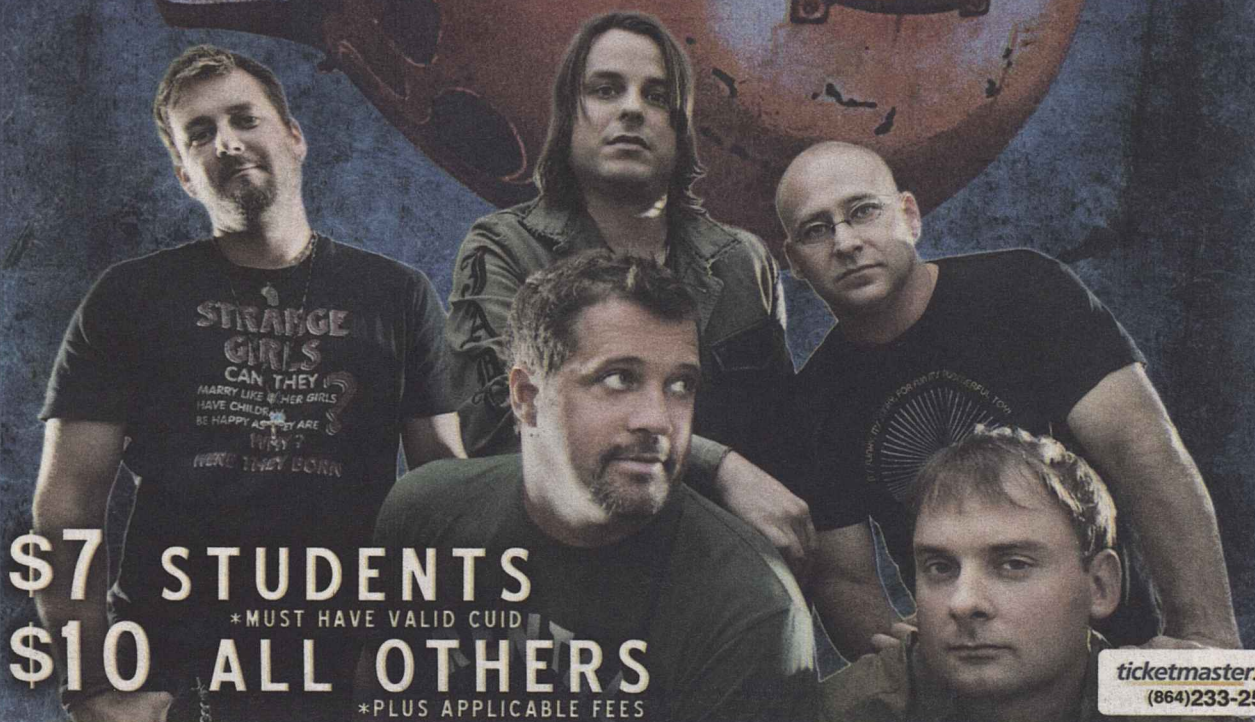
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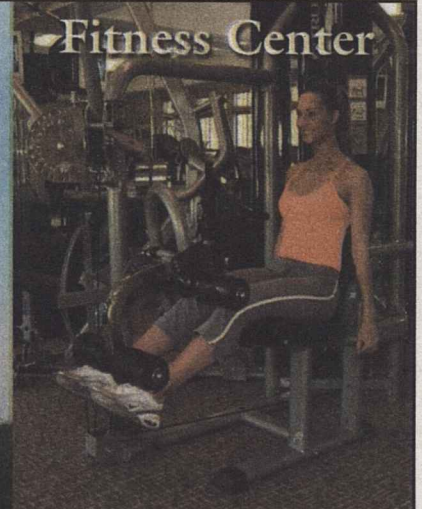
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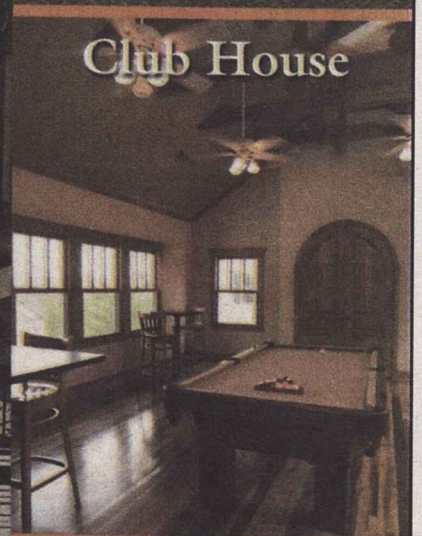
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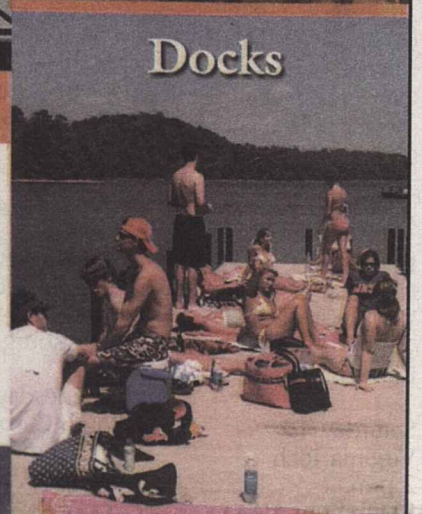
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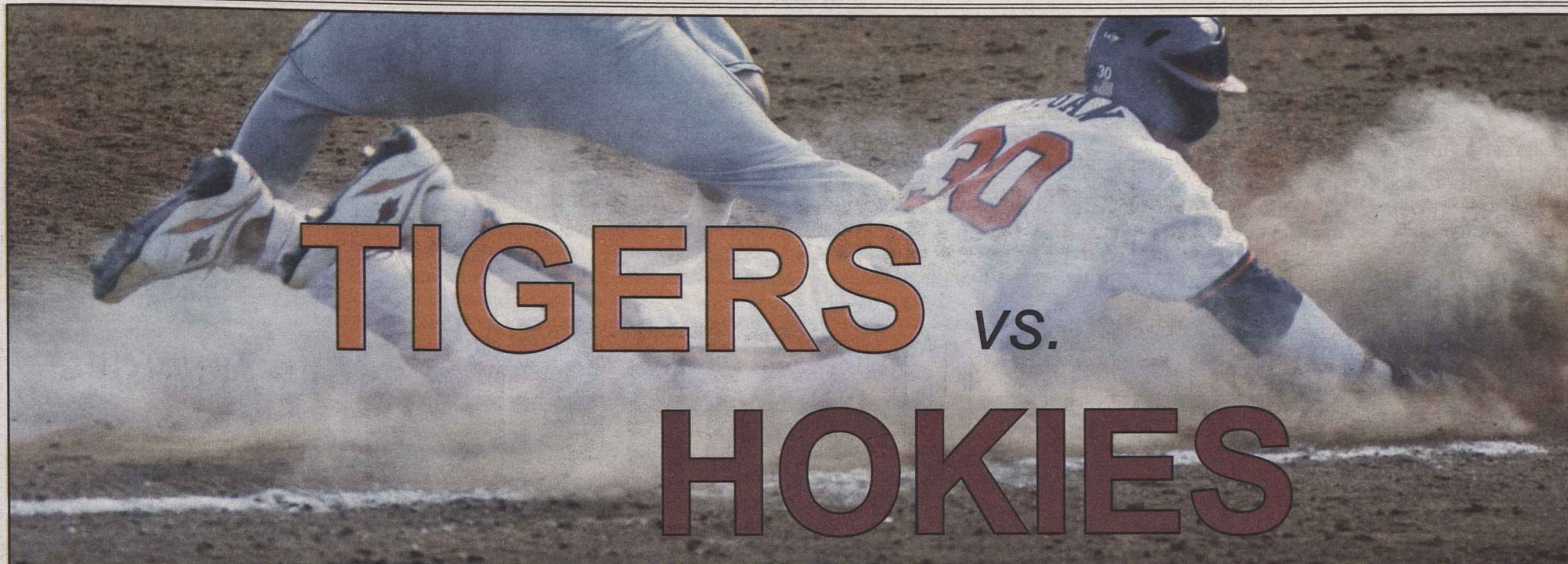
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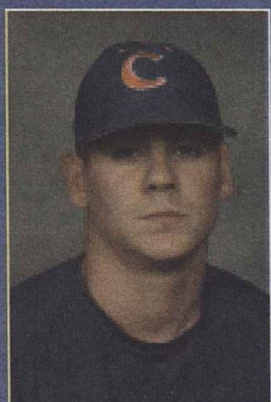




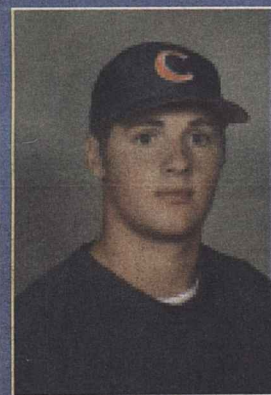
# TIGERS vs. HOKIES

## COVERING THE BASES

JOSH FORT/STAFF WRITER



### STEPHEN CLYNE KEY PLAYERS



### BEN PAULSEN

Paulsen went through a three game stretch prior to last weekend where he went 9-14 with 2 HR and 9 RBI. However, his recent slump may affect his hitting well again in the key road series. Clyne has been dominant in relief with a 0.39 ERA. He picked up a save and a win the last two games against UGA.

The 16th ranked Clemson baseball team will take the field in Blacksburg, Va. tonight at 7 p.m. against conference foe Virginia Tech. The Tigers (19-9 overall, 5-4 ACC) are fresh off of a 4-2 win over old rival Georgia Tuesday night.

Clemson has struggled at the plate at times this year but is led offensively by centerfielder Brad Chalk. Chalk leads the team in batting at .413 on the year, a figure that also ranks fifth in the conference. In addition to his superb average, Chalk has eight RBIs and 17 runs scored. He has also showcased his speed this season swiping five stolen bases in seven attempts.

Catcher Doug Hogan continues to bring offensive firepower, hitting .378. The red-shirt junior has four homeruns and two triples, an incredible feat for a catcher.

Hogan's four round trippers are tied for the team lead with third baseman Marquez Smith. Smith's .320 batting average is third on the team and his 23 RBIs are tied with Taylor Harbin for tops on the team.

True freshman Ben Paulsen has shown Tiger fans what the future of Clemson baseball may look like hitting .328 with three homeruns and 13 RBIs. The Acworth, Ga. Native also has four doubles on the season.

Tiger pitching has been reliable this year when given adequate run support. Senior Stephen Clyne has been lights out thus far. The veteran right hander is 3-0 with a .41 ERA in 12 appearances. Clyne also has 18 strikeouts and just five walks in 22.0 innings pitched.

Southpaw Ryan Hinson has performed well this year, going 2-1 with a 2.04 ERA. Hinson

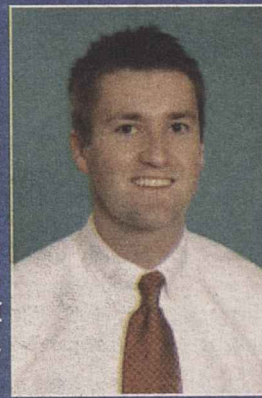
has appeared in seven games and has struck out 33 in just over 39 innings pitched. Leading the team in saves and tied for fourth in the conference this season is Daniel Moskos with six. Moskos has a 2-2 record with a 2.49 ERA in 17 appearances, also the team lead. As a team, Clemson is fielding at a clip of .967, a figure that ranks it tied for sixth in the conference with Virginia.

Virginia Tech (15-14 overall, 4-8 ACC) will look to rebound this weekend after being swept in a three-game series by arch-rival Virginia.

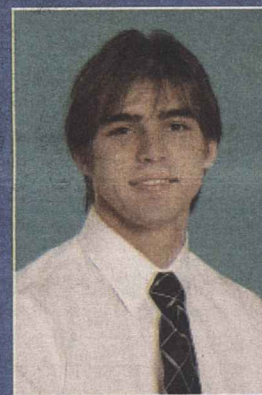
The Hokies are led in hitting by infielder Sean O'Brien. The Chappaqua, N.Y. native's batting average of .333 and 15 walks are both team leads. Also swinging the bat successfully for Virginia Tech is senior outfielder Nate Parks. Parks is batting .319 with two homeruns. The apparel, housing and resource management major is leading the ACC in stolen bases with 24. He has been caught stealing just two times this season.

The Hokies' top starter thus far has been six-foot-five-inch sophomore Rhett Ballard. Ballard is 4-2 on the season with a 4.79 ERA. Also pitching well for Virginia Tech this season is reliever Scott Stoehr. Despite his 0-1 record, Stoehr has a 3.32 ERA and 13 strikeouts in 16 appearances.

The first of the three game series will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at Virginia Tech's English Field. Saturday's game will begin at 2 p.m. with the Easter Sunday finale beginning at 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday's games can be followed via webcast on [clemson.tigers.com](http://clemson.tigers.com).



### BRYAN THOMAS



### NATE PARKS

Bryan Thomas leads the Hokies in RBIs (32) and doubles (13). The senior is also hitting .304 and has 3 homeruns on the season. Speedy senior Nate Parks has stolen 24 bases this season, which leads the team, and is also hitting .320, which is second best on the team, and leads the team in runs scored.



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7. Texas
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15. Arizona State
16. Texas A&M
17. Arizona
18. Clemson
19. Oklahoma
20. Ole Miss
21. Tulane
22. East Carolina
23. UC Irvine
24. Kentucky
25. USC

### ACC STANDINGS

ATLANTIC		
Team	Conf.	Overall
Florida State	8-1-0	29-3-0
NC State	8-4-0	23-8-0
Clemson	5-4-0	20-9-0
Maryland	5-7-0	19-12-0
Wake Forest	4-8-0	15-16-0
Boston College	4-8-0	9-15-0

COASTAL		
Team	Conf.	Overall
Virginia	8-4-0	27-6-0
North Carolina	8-4-0	25-5-0
Georgia Tech	8-4-0	20-11-0
Miami	5-7-0	18-13-0
Virginia Tech	4-8-0	16-14-0
Duke	2-10-0	21-11-0

BASEBALL WISDOM...Baseball is almost the only orderly thing in a very unordered world. If you get three strikes, even the best lawyer in the world can't get you off. -Bill Veeck



# Purnell falls just short of NIT title

Clemson finishes season strong with a second place finish in tournament.

**DANIEL TAYLOR**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After being ridiculed for one of the worst collapses in ACC history, the Clemson basketball team silenced the critics and rebounded with a stellar NIT run. Oliver Purnell's Tigers suddenly played at a level Clemson fans had not seen since their 17-0 run that started the season. The Tigers dropped East Tennessee State, Ole Miss and Syracuse en route to Madison Square Garden. They then defeated Air Force in a thrilling semi-final game.

Unfortunately, Clemson finished just short of bringing home the school's first NIT championship, falling to the West Virginia Mountaineers 78-73.

Despite the loss, the Tigers proved to be remarkably resilient in the matchup.

At the beginning of the game, West Virginia's 3-2 zone appeared to be impenetrable. The Mountaineer defense had received praise all year and was the reason for their success.

Presented with slow players on his team, head coach John Beilein installed the experimental 3-2 defense at West Virginia. Taking advantage of his players' long limbs, Beilein instructed the three lanky players at the top of key to swing their arms to disrupt the Tiger offense.

Any Clemson player who attempted to drive to the net was met by a wall of arms. First half turnovers were a problem for Clemson; freshman David Potter ended the game with three in just five minutes of work.

However, after a few adjustments by Purnell, the Tigers managed to find ways to score. All orange-clad starters scored more than 10 points, as they have regularly throughout the NIT. Rivers yet again led the Tigers in scoring with 18. The main offensive problem for Clemson was getting contributions from the bench.

The starters were forced to play the majority of the game, and the rest of the Tigers only managed five points. Clemson also struggled getting the deep shots to fall, going 6-23 (.261) for the game. Even with the lack of downtown shots, the Tigers scored the second most points against West Virginia in the last 15 games.

On the Mountaineers' side, their unbelievable accuracy on three-point shots was the difference in the game.

Forward Frank Young made six of seven attempts, causing spectators'

jaws to drop with each additional score. West Virginia's team total blasted Clemson's, making 12-20 (.600).

West Virginia ended the half with a 12-point lead on Purnell's squad. In the second half, every time Clemson made an exciting play that appeared to swing momentum, West Virginia would convert a three on the other end of the court to snap the Tigers' hopes. The Mountaineers' sniper-like

precision never allowed Clemson back in the game.

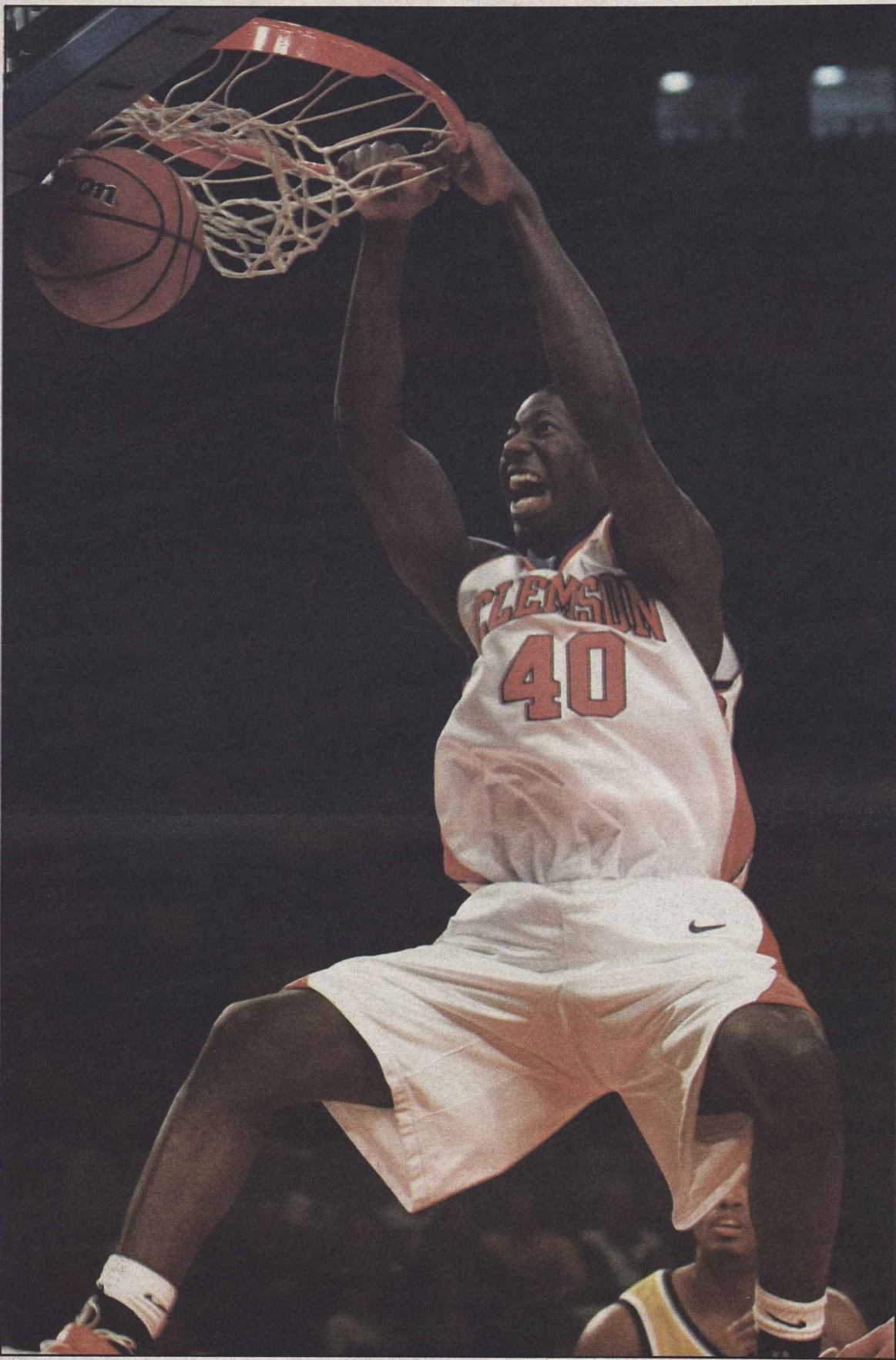
For the entire second half, West Virginia stayed at least two possessions above the Tigers.

Tiger forward Trevor Booker had an outstanding defensive showing in the game, which included seven rebounds and four blocks.

The best of those blocks came as the game was already decided to the Mountaineers. Booker stuffed a

three-point attempt by a West Virginia guard, then went the length of the court and slammed in the deuce.

After the game, Beilein was hired by Michigan to head their Wolverines. While Clemson was unsuccessful in bringing Tigertown an NIT championship, they ended the season with 25 wins (tied for most in Clemson history) and also set a record by defeating 13 teams that won at least 20 games in a season.



**TAKE THAT!:** James Mays gets pumped while nailing a slam dunk against West Virginia during last week's NIT Championship game held in Madison Square Garden, NYC

## GLORY: Landmark games relived *from page C1*

be remembered for years.

The 2004 season was highlighted by a trip to Miami and the Orange Bowl, where Clemson had won the only football national championship in school history. After falling behind the Tigers came back to force overtime and beat the ranked Hurricanes. The season finished with another sound defeat of South Carolina, 29-7, mostly known for the ugly brawl which cost the Tigers a bowl game to end the season.

A home game against ranked Texas A&M provided a spectacular opener to the 2005 season as Jad Dean kicked six field goals, including the game winner with two seconds left, to start the season with a 25-24 win. Two weeks later, the outdoor stadium noise record of 126 decibels was set against Miami as the Tigers held the Hurricanes to a three-and-out before tying the game with a field goal, eventually losing 36-30 in triple overtime.

The Tigers again closed the season strong, finishing with another win over Florida State in Death Valley, 35-14, followed by a 13-9 victory over South Carolina in which Whitehurst led the Tigers to a first down from first-and-35 in the fourth quarter to clinch the fourth consecutive rivalry win. The season ended with a trip to Orlando for the Champs Sports Bowl, where the Tigers beat Colorado, 19-10.

Finally, 2006 had its share of excitement as well, starting with a win at Florida State, 27-20. Gaines Adams turned in the play of the year a month later by blocking a Wake Forest field goal and returning it for a touchdown to turn the momentum for a 27-17 win over the eventual ACC champions. The highlight of the season occurred Homecoming weekend as the ESPN Gameday crew visited Bowman Field for an impressive showing of Tiger pride. That night Clemson dominated Georgia Tech 31-7 as Davis and C.J.

Spiller ran over the Yellow Jacket defense.

Basketball has contributed excitement as well, with back-to-back victories over North Carolina in Littlejohn Coliseum, a huge win over South Carolina in 2005-06, 82-63, and a thrilling finish to beat Virginia Tech, 66-64, in 2004-05. After an exciting run to start 17-0, the 2006-07 was capped off by some of the most exciting games, beating Ole Miss and Syracuse to earn a trip to Madison Square Garden for the NIT.

Over my five years Clemson sports have taken me up and down the Atlantic Coast to Miami, Boston, Washington D.C., Tampa, Atlanta and New York City, providing opportunities that I would not trade for anything. It's much harder to attend Clemson sporting events after graduation because of time and money, so go to as many as you can now while you are a student. Become a part of One Clemson.

# Runners qualify

Track stars impress in pre-regional competitions.

**TYRONE GAYLE**  
STAFF WRITER

The men and women had another solid outing this past weekend at their respective meets. The men split their squads up—sending their sprinters to Georgia Tech, their field event men to Western Carolina and their distance runners between both locations. Junior Matt Clark competed at the Stanford Invitational Distance Carnival in Palo Alto, Calif. where he hit a regional-qualifying mark of 14:05 and placed third in a race where he led for the latter portions. "I had never led a race that big before, but when I realized we were slowing down and off regional pace, Coach told me to start leading," Clark said. The sprint crew had a very successful Saturday as Corey Brown qualified in the 200 meter for regionals by running 20.86, a mark that broke his personal record of 21.10 set last year. Sixty meter national champion Travis Padgett won another 100m race, remaining undefeated this outdoor season. The 4x400m relay team of Corey Bown, Cowin Mills, Andrew Porter and Travis Swaggard improved by eight seconds and missed the regional qualifying mark of 3:10.00 by only a second, running 3:11.19. In Western Carolina, Mitch Greeley qualified for regionals in the pole-vault with a 16-06.75 clearance. Event titles went to Will Noble, George Fields and Greeley in the 1,500m, long jump, and pole-vault, respectively. Andrew Porter just missed qualifying in the 400m hurdles by the slimmest of margins—0.03 seconds.

The Lady Tigers posted three regional-qualifying marks in the process. The biggest highlight of the day came from freshman Linda Bucholz. Bucholz, a multi-event athlete from Germany, broke the school record in the javelin with a throw of 152'5". Bucholz finished runner-up with her regional-qualifying effort. Sophomore Krystal Barringer joined training partner Polly Hardy on the qualifying list in the 100m hurdles with her 13.89 performance. Also posting a regional mark was Rochelle Kokayko who finished fourth in the weight throw. Both squads will be in full force this weekend at the Clemson Invitational tomorrow, which will be held at the Rock Norman Outdoor Track starting from 10 a.m. and finishing around 5 p.m. Expecting to make their outdoor debuts are Jason Bell, Jacoby Ford and C.J. Spiller.

## BALL: CU takes two *from page C1*

into second base during the second inning. He subsequently missed both games versus Georgia, and may miss part or all of the Virginia Tech series this weekend.

Following the disappointing Miami series, the Tigers bounced back on Tuesday evening when they defeated the Georgia Bulldogs 4-2 in Athens, Ga. Johnson continued to impress as he went two for three with an RBI.

Taylor Harbin paced the Tigers going two for five with a pair of RBI, while Brad Chalk also plated a run.

In a rare starting pitching assignment, D.J. Mitchell, best known for his contributions in right field, carried the game into the fifth inning before handing the ball over to Alan Farina, who pitched 3.1 scoreless innings to get his first career win in a Tiger uniform. Clyne pitched the ninth

inning to earn his first save of the year.

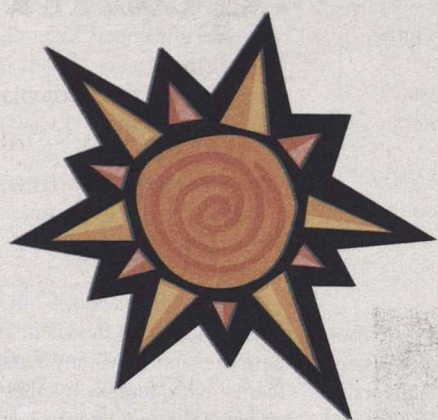
Clemson defeated the Bulldogs again 11-10 Wednesday night. When Tigers were trailing the Bulldogs 10-9 in the top of the ninth, Georgia was threatening to add on to their lead with two runners on and two outs.

However, Leggett again sent in his stellar reliever Clyne, who got Rich Poythress to fly out to right and end the inning.

The Tiger bats responded in the bottom of the inning, starting off with a triple by Wilson Boyd. D.J. Mitchell drove Boyd home with a single and then stole second to put himself in scoring position. The game ended with a walk-off double by Johnson, giving Clemson the win. Clyne received his fourth win in four decisions, while the Tigers advanced to 20-9 (5-4 ACC) on the year.



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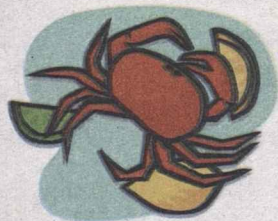


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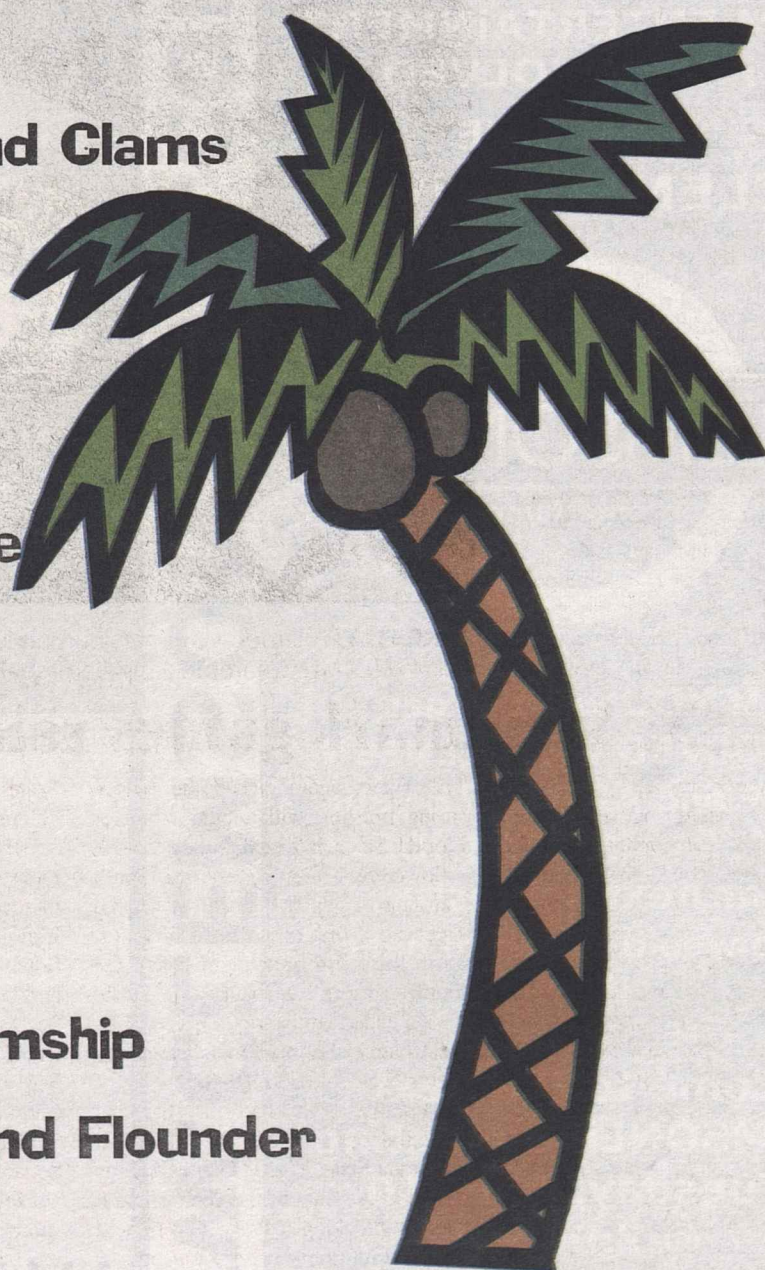
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## Cyclists cruise toward nationals

Daane and Lake lead team to success at FSU.

**BRIAN MIELE**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Over spring break the Clemson cycling team attended a race weekend hosted by Florida State University. The races consisted of a road race and time trial on Saturday and a criterium on Sunday. The cycling team won all three events with Andrew Daane winning the road race and criterium, and Zack Lake winning the individual time trial. Andrew Daane led the way in the road race by attacking early on in the race and holding on for a win. Seth Guthrie put out an astounding acceleration at the end of the race to win the field sprint placing fifth overall. Ben Zawacki finished sixth, and Brian Miele finished ninth in the road race.

The Clemson team further asserted its dominance in the individual time trial later that day by winning the time trial and securing four top 10 spots. Zack Lake stomped the time trial to win with a time of 30:48, by Ben Zawacki in second place with a time of 30:55. Seth Guthrie finished fifth, Brian Miele finished 8th and Andrew Daane finished 11th.

The road race victory was extra sweet for Andrew Daane, as he won on his birthday.

The criterium on Sunday was dominated by Clemson once again. Andrew Daane and Zack Lake broke away from the field early on in the race and went on to finish first and third,

respectively. With yet another win, the race weekend ended. Overall, Clemson won all three races hosted by Florida State and asserted their place in the Southeast Collegiate Division.

The race at Florida State also helped to secure the Clemson team a spot at nationals. The team, as a whole, is ranked third in the A's Division of the Southeast.

However, this does not take into consideration that the Clemson cycling team does not have any female riders. Teams with female cyclists have an advantage over Clemson because they can gain points in both the men's and women's races.

Clemson still leads the southeast division in individual points, and four Clemson cyclists could attend nationals based on personal point earnings.

Ben Zawacki is second in the men's southeast cycling conference. Andrew Daane is 3rd, Zack Lake is fourth and Brian Miele is sixth.

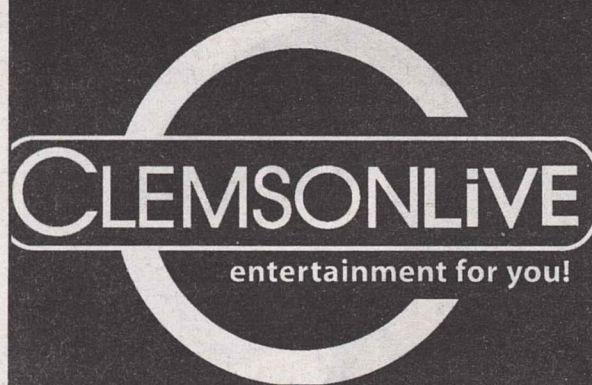
In the Southeast Division I schools, the four above-named cyclists are also the top four cyclists overall.

These four cyclists are guaranteed spots at nationals as long as they hold their position during the next three race weekends.

The cycling team goes on to race at Lees McRae after Easter and finally in the conference championships at Vanderbilt. Nationals will occur in mid-May and take place in Kansas. The Clemson cycling team will be sure to continue their domination in the Southeast Division and will hopefully shine at nationals.

However, Clemson's cycling team is fighting with one arm tied behind its back. Clemson is looking for female cyclists to join the team.

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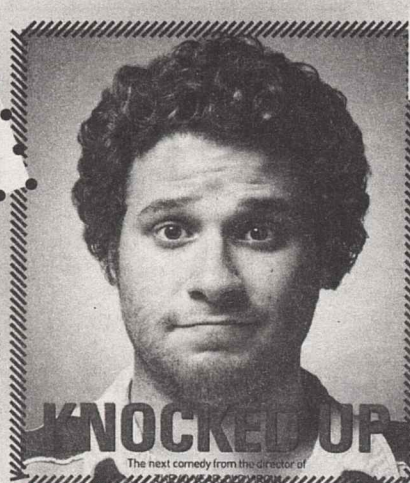
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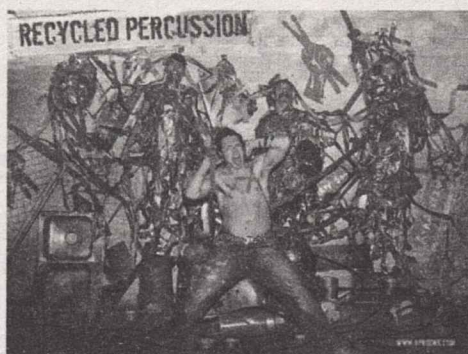
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# SPEED: Dual sport athlete making a name for himself at Clemson from page C1

ing case for CUPD to investigate is in turn good news for football fans, as Ford will be splitting time with Spiller returning punts and kickoffs again this year. Fans can bet that the off-season training will increase the likelihood of seeing more plays like Ford's record-setting 92-yard punt return against Florida Atlantic and 94-yard kickoff return against Louisiana Tech. No other Tiger has scored on a punt and kick return greater than 90 yards in the same year.

With new running back coach Andre Powell having been asked to correct some of Clemson's deficiencies on special teams last year, some of the adjustments made so far include an expanded role for Ford.

"We've worked on kickoff coverage, and right now I'm one of the guys that's running straight down to make a tackle," said Ford. "I'm not a safety guy anymore, I don't wait. Now, (Coach Powell) has me running down."

Don't expect to see Ford using his speed to make plays just on special teams this year, however. His 76-yard touchdown catch against South Carolina last season is just a hint of what's to come. His favorite memory so far at Clemson in the yearly rivalry game could become an afterthought if he has his way.

"I want to get at least 50 catches and try to make first-team All-ACC," said Ford.

Relate that to his play at Fork Union Military Academy in 2005, where 57 receptions earned 1,254 yards and nine touchdowns.

He finished with 15 receptions for 187 yards and two scores as a true freshman at Clemson in 2006 after enrolling early to attend spring practice.

"I got to learn the offense really quickly," Ford said about the benefits of attending spring practice last year. "Especially when Chansi (Stuckey) went down, I knew the plays, so all I did was go out there and perform and just take over his spot until he came back; but now I feel that I'm ready to take over that full responsibility."

Filling the void of Clemson's leading receiver of 2006 has left Ford with a bit of a chip on his shoulder.

"A lot of people have been telling me that I've got to step up," said Ford. "I mean, I've got some big shoes to fill at my position because I'm taking over for Chansi. He was a great receiver and a great player all-around."

Despite coping with the stress of balancing school, football and track, Ford is happy with the progress he has made over the past year. This was evident in Clemson's first scrimmage this spring with his three catches for 57 yards and a touchdown in addition to a six-yard rushing touchdown.

"Coming in from last year about this time, I'm way ahead of where I was before," said Ford. "I'm starting to play the game a lot faster. I still can do a lot more improving, but so far practice has been going really good."

Thinking back to that 92-yard punt return that marked Jacoby Ford's arrival to Clemson, there must be something special about the Bible verse that he writes in both of his shoes every game.

"I thank (God) for everything," said Ford. "He plays a real significant part of my life, and He's the one that gave me the ability to go out there and do the things that I can do. I couldn't do anything without Him."

He can now shrug off the disaster that was narrowly averted in his debut in Death Valley.


"I was really excited that I scored in my first game," said Ford in retrospect.

If his progression on and off the field in recent months is any indication of his role in the offense this

fall, Clemson football fans could be in for a real treat. But until then, Ford plans to keep working on his route running and break points, all the while enjoying cream-corn "pops" at Clemson House dining hall, studying sociology and beating campus newcomer and freshman quarterback Willy Korn in

Madden 2007.

With Clemson already returning its lethal attack of James Davis and CJ Spiller, opposing defenses had better get a head start at preparing for the break-away speed of Jacoby Ford and fellow returning receiving threats Aaron Kelly, Tyler Grisham and Rendrick Taylor.







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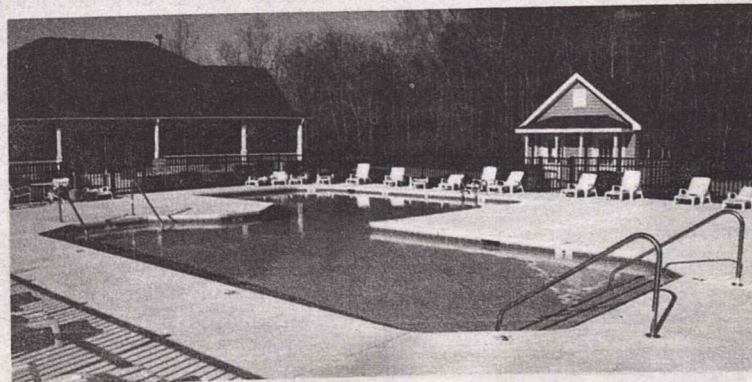





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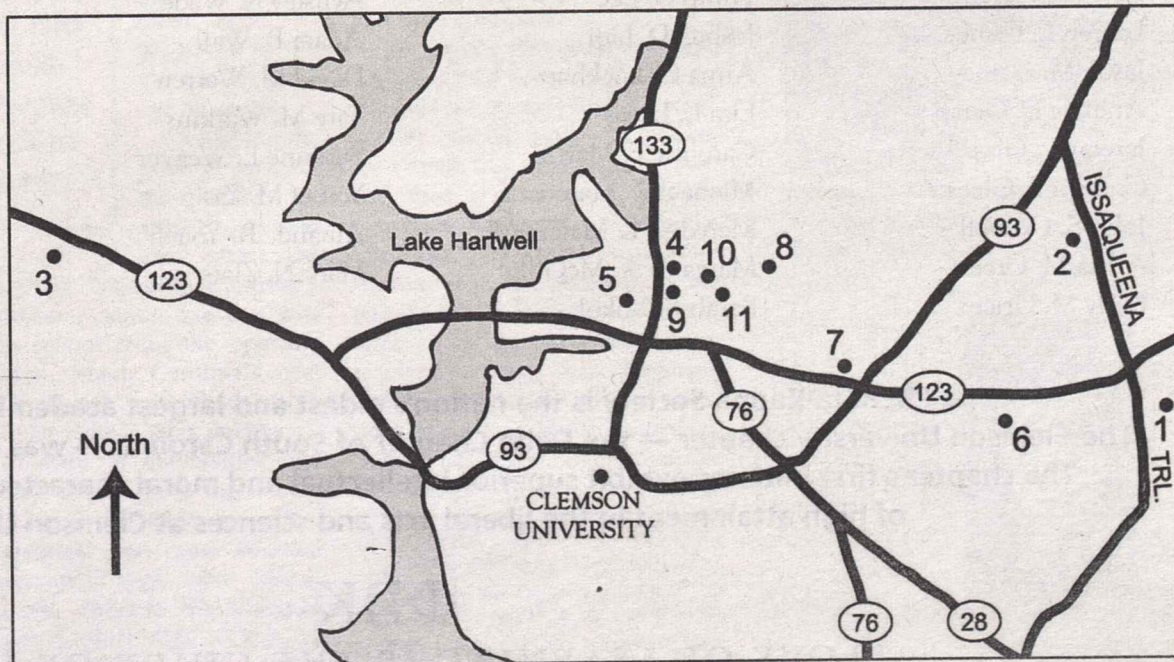
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# Clemson student coaches at local high school

Jamar Shefton leads JV squad at Daniel High School.

ALAN SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

To people who don't know him, Clemson student Jamar Shefton may appear to be just a normal college kid. Most people are surprised when they learn the junior from Johnsonville, S.C. is the junior varsity head basketball coach at local Daniel High School.

Despite being just 20 years old, Shefton impressively led the Daniel Lions to a 15-4 record and first place finish in their region. Not bad for someone who isn't even old enough to legally consume alcohol.

Reactions of disbelief are common when Shefton tells others that he is a coach. "At first, they say, 'High school? Where?' as if I'm lying," said Shefton. "When I would meet opposing coaches, they would say, 'You're the coach? How old are you?' I mean I would get that every single game, until I played them

again and they remembered."

Shefton has grown up loving basketball. However, his dreams of becoming a basketball player ended during high school, when he tried out for his school's team all four years but was cut each time.

He never stopped loving the game, though. As he watched college basketball, Shefton would find himself saying, "You know what, if they do this, then they'll be better, or why are they doing this?" and would learn a lot about the game without even knowing it. Eventually, he was able to evaluate particular strategies and figure out the types of personnel needed to make them work. "That's when I realized I want to do this for a career," Shefton said.

Shefton's coaching experience began in the fall of 2005, when he met with Dusty Oates, the Daniel athletic director, and got the head varsity coach Jeff Maness's contact information. "I called him, then went over there and told him how much I wanted to be a coach and that I wanted to learn," said Shefton. Afterwards, Oates hired Shefton as an assistant for the varsity team.

"It was new, because it was my first year of coaching, period," Shefton said. "It was different

because I thought I knew a lot about the game, just from watching it. Obviously, I didn't. I had to learn many things like when to sub, who to play and stuff like that."

Last summer Shefton's big opportunity came. "We used to joke around because we knew the JV coach was leaving," he said. "So when he left, they (the other

coaches) were like, 'Coach Shefton, that might be your job next year.' I'm thinking they're joking, but then I get a call from the athletic director saying, 'The job is yours if you want it.' I laughed because I thought he was playing. But as it turned out, there I was, by myself, with my own team and my own players."

Shefton's first season was a major learning experience, especially since he didn't have any assistant coaches. Also, being a full-time student made it a challenge to balance his school and work life. He was able to work it out, though, by scheduling his classes in the morning so that he could spend his afternoons at Daniel.

"Managing practice was so hard for me to start out," said Shefton. "I got caught up in stuff, and then practice was over and we hadn't even shot free throws yet."

It wasn't long before he was running his practices with confidence, though. "I worked them hard during practice," Shefton said. "We didn't do a lot of drills. We did a lot of scrimmaging because I said, 'In the game, you don't drill, you scrimmage.' So I think you should do drills in the off-season."

Understandably, Shefton was nervous leading up to and during

Daniel's first game. He sat quietly on the bus on the way to the game thinking, "What am I doing? Can I really do this for a whole year?"

During the game, Shefton remained very timid. "I sat down the entire time," he said. I did not get up, I didn't walk the sidelines. All the traditional things you see coaches doing, I didn't do. The only thing I did was sub people. I did not call one timeout. I was just so nervous." Still, the Lions won that game by 12 points.

Shefton learned a lot from that first game and used it to help him succeed as a coach for the rest of the season. "I learned when you use timeouts," he said. "Timeouts can literally make or break a game. I think timeouts are the most important thing."

Shefton was able to strategically use a timeout to help his team win a game against Traveler's Rest. The Lions were up by one point with 1.4 seconds left in the game and TR had the ball at mid-court. TR's coach called a timeout to set up an inbounds play.

However, when the players stepped back onto the court, Shefton noticed how they were set up and called his final timeout to make the defensive adjustment. It worked. The inbounds pass was overthrown and landed out of bounds on the other side of the court. "The other coach congratulated me on a good job of calling a timeout right after he called a timeout," Shefton said.

The TR game, Shefton felt, was one of his two best coaching performances. The day before the game, he told his team, "Look, y'all can't just rely on just being better than people all the time. Sometimes you're going to have to outplay people." Ironically, that's exactly what they had to do the next day. The Lions connected on just three of 18 three pointers and missed all 11 free throw attempts, but still managed to squeak out a victory.

Perhaps the game of the season for Shefton and his Lions came against Woodmont. Daniel trailed by 17 at halftime, but staged an incredible comeback, scoring 38 points in the second half to pick up the win. "I got compliments from the parents of the other school after that game," Shefton said. "They were like, 'I don't know what you told your team at halftime, but good job coach.' Now that's the best compliment, and I love my team for that."

Facing such a large deficit at halftime, Shefton gave his team a simple ultimatum. "I'm issuing you a challenge," he told them. "Y'all can show up and be men or you can lose this game by 50 points and you will all pay for it the next day."

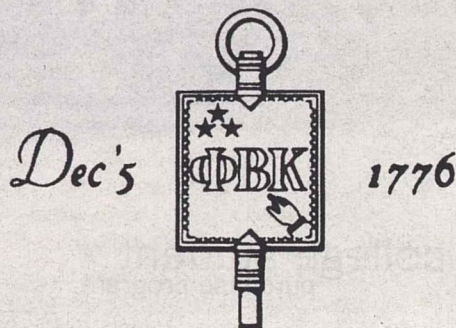
Apparently they got the message. "They showed up," Shefton said. "I mean, I couldn't ask for any more. We made nine straight free throws down the stretch. I did suicides for that the next day in practice."

Shefton's first season as a head coach was certainly a positive first step towards his goal of coaching college basketball. "It was pretty successful, although we had our ups and downs," he said. "There were close games. I realize if I could go back and change one or two possessions, we would win the ball game. It was a big learning experience." This experience, while difficult at times, will greatly benefit him down the road.

"I really think I'm going to be a better coach next year," Shefton said. "We won't necessarily have a better team next year, but I will be a better coach and hopefully that will show through my team." With the amount of success that he has already enjoyed at 20 years of age, it wouldn't be a total stretch to say that 20 years from now, he could be coaching in the ACC.

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## Party goes downtown

With more and more schools cutting fine arts funding and programs, it is becoming increasingly difficult for students in low income districts to receive fine arts training. This is the problem that one group is trying to correct with a project of their own.

**ASHLEY CRISP**

STAFF WRITER

All performing arts majors are required to plan an event for the senior capstone project. Most opt to perform a play or concert. However, one group has chosen to participate in a something that would benefit the community.

Andrew Stoeber and fellow group members Zach Broyles, Anthony Goodin, Andrew Flandry, Sara Towne and Deborah Threadgill are presenting an evening of artistic showmanship they have entitled "pARTy at 356" in downtown Clemson on Wednesday, April 11th.

"pARTy at 356" is intended to benefit the Alexander Strings Project, run by the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. It provides string instruction and mentorship for children. This project is at work specifically for students from low income families in Greenville county attending Title One schools.

Lisa Ackerman, performing arts major at Clemson, is the program administrator for the project. Ackerman states that when first approached with the idea, it almost brought her to tears.

"pARTy at 356" begins at 7 p.m. on April 11th and, as the title suggests, will be held at 356 in Downtown Clemson. The event will feature all types of art, including dance, poetry, comedy, music and painting until 10 p.m. After 10 p.m., featured band "The Movement" will play for the rest of the evening. The band comes from Columbia, SC and mixes alternative rock, reggae and hip-hop to create a unique sound for listeners. The band has opened for artists such as

see **EVENT**, page D3

## Play strips masks, gets real

"The Person Behind the Mask" is a play with a powerful message about how everyone wears some sort of mask in life.

The Standard, a Christian student organization that began last fall, wrote, produced and put on this play to show that people try to hide behind the mask of what other people think they are.

In the play, Hilary, a well-to-do freshman at a new college, moves into her new dorm and meets her new roommate Keisha. Immediately, the audience becomes aware that upper-class Hilary and lower-class Keisha are from different worlds. As Keisha spouts off her slang terms, Hilary feels as though she is speaking a different language entirely.

Hilary soon meets Terrence, an NBA-bound ladies man who seems to have it all: talent, suavity and popularity. He hits on Hilary, but makes no progress at first with the well-mannered rich girl.

Terrence's friend Fred comes onto the stage causing all of Terrence's basketball friends to start acting like they have just been "praising the Lord" rather than locker room talking about girls. Fred talks to Terrence about God and about what is really going in their lives. Each of the characters seems to have it all together when the audience first meets them. However, soon the real story begins to unfold.

Fred and his girlfriend Andrea are having problems because Fred is trying to devote more of his life to God, while Andrea feels like Fred does not want to be with her anymore because they are less sexually active now.

Hilary's mother is too concerned with Hilary's weight, causing Hilary to throw up her food every time

she eats.

Terrence's real dream is to become an artist, though everyone puts pressure on him to become an NBA star. He therefore fills the emptiness of his life with girls and drugs.

The story's message is that no one really has it all together and that everyone has something about them they do not want anyone else to see. In the play, the characters have to learn how to be more real with one another and to ask God to help them take off their masks.

Though it is not overtly talked about in the play, there is also a theme of close interracial friendship. Fred, a Caucasian, says that Terrence, an African-American, is his only true friend. According to Thea Dix, co-writer of the play, one of the major points in the story is that "people of different races and backgrounds can be closer than brothers." This is shown very well through Fred's relationship with Terrence.

Overall, the play was very powerful. Members of the cast sang gospel songs and hymns throughout the performance. The singers all had incredible voices. Victor Bartley as Terrence cries out to the Lord for help in an absolutely beautiful song. The script was very well-written.

Students Thea Dix, Sade' Tate and Chris Dandridge did an impressive job balancing humor and drama throughout the play.

The acting was also very moving. Angel Brockman as Hilary, Victor Bartley as Terrence and Tyler Williams as Fred were very believable in their roles. Each actor really seemed to understand his or her part and relate to it in a very personal way.

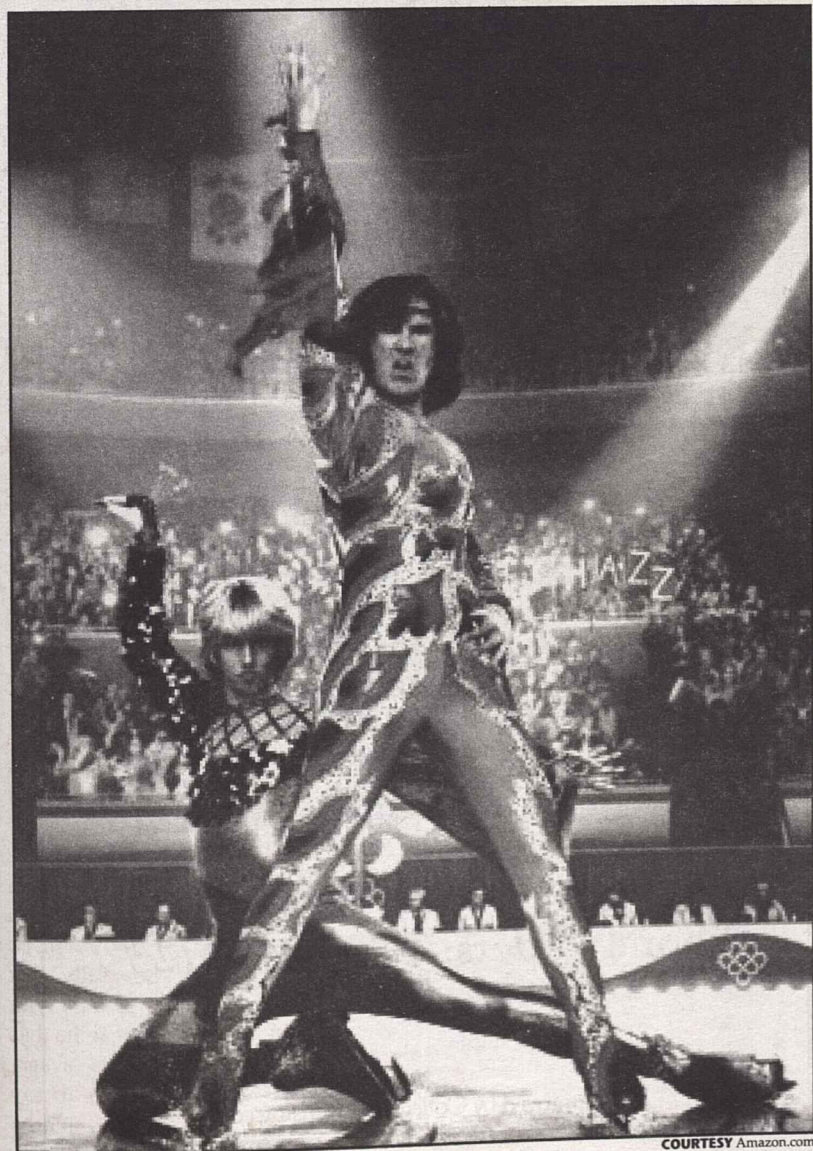
The Standard's performance of "The Person Behind the Mask" was a refreshing, poignant play that seemed to have true relevance to today's culture.

**LINDSAY BRASINGTON**  
STAFF WRITER



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## Ferrell, Heder bring laughs to the box office



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I think it is safe to say that almost any movie that begins with nuns and small children playing hockey together is bound to be a good one. With this image in mind, imagine one

**ANNE SWIFT**

STAFF WRITER

of those small children being the childhood version of Napoleon Dynamite's Jon Heder and you have yourself a movie that will soon be considered among the classics in comedy. "Blades of Glory," co-directed by Josh Gordon and Will Speck, tells the truly beautiful story of two lifelong competitive ice skaters, Chazz Michael Michaels (Will Ferrell) and Jimmy MacElroy (Jon Heder plus large, curly hair). The two ice skaters duke it out at the Winter Olympics ceremony when both are tied for the gold medal, which ultimately strips them of any competitive men's skating for the rest of their lives. In response, Michaels begins working in a children's show as the "scary wizard," but even that doesn't last long when he skates out on stage, drunk beneath his costume. MacElroy works in a skate store, where he is stalked by his biggest fan, a man in his late 20s by the name of Hector, who informs young Jimmy that 1) he wants to take off Jimmy's skin and wear it to his birthday party, and that 2) he still plans to

kill Jimmy one day. I assume these are supposed to be compliments? Although Hector (Nick Swardson) is both sketchy and obsessive, he is the one to convince Jimmy that he must pursue skating again. At this time, Chazz Michael Michaels has just been fired from his job and the two are brought together by Coach (Craig T. Nelson) to find a bend

in the rules, allowing them to skate as a male pair. Although the image of two men skating around together in leotards is slightly awkward (okay, it IS awkward), these professionals seem to make the most of it. Sure, they hit a few bumps in the road (i.e. Michaels sex addiction, Jimmy's crush on the opposing team's sister, their disagreement over the meaning of "lady humps," debates on who should lift whom, etc), the two pull it together and, ultimately, become the first pair of male skaters in the history of the United States. And unlike that Korean pair, neither one of them is decapitated in the end. (Ha! You have to see the movie now.)

All in all, "Blades of Glory" is definitely a movie worth pursuing. I laughed through about 70% of it, especially with parts where the two

men find themselves constantly bickering over anything they can muster up. Whether MacElroy is criticizing Michaels' weight or Michaels is referring to MacElroy as a 15-year old girl "but not hot," their witty cat fights are truly hysterical. I've overheard some deem "Blades of Glory" as Will Ferrell's best, and that's where I feel the need to draw

“Some deem  
“Blades of Glory”  
Will Ferrell’s best.”

the line. Although the movie is both funny and entertaining and Ferrell's character is almost as outlandish as his others have been, I don't know that this is the Will

Ferrell movie to go down in history. Maybe it's because I've been tainted by "Anchorman" in all of its brilliance to the point that I couldn't even consider placing another movie above it. But it still seems that something is missing with this one. Personally,

I would argue that the one quality this movie lacks is spontaneity. With "Anchorman" especially, and even others like "Talladega Nights," Will Ferrell's characters seem to dish out the most ridiculous yet amazing one-liners. Random outbursts of "sweet Lincoln's mullet!" and "great Odin's raven!" give us two reasons

see **BLADES**, page D4



# THE TOP 5

FUN THINGS TO DO WITH PEEPS

No matter what any one individual's religious philosophy is, the Easter holiday is a time to rejoice. No, not for the egg hunts or the pastel clothes. This holiday is highlighted by one special treat that our furry little bunny friend brings, Peeps.

**CHRIS CANTRELL**  
STAFF WRITER

These marshmallow-y baby chicks (and bunnies) provide for not only a delicious snack, but also create some great entertainment for kids of all ages. Here is a list of the Top 5 fun things to do with these widely popular

Easter treats.

**5) Microwave Madness-** Take a Peep or two and place them carefully in the center of a microwave. Fire it up and watch the Peeps expand faster than Rosie O'Donnell in a cheesecake factory. No other tools necessary. Be sure to do it again and again, varying times and power settings.

**4) Hang With Your Peeps-** Open a whole package of the yellow mallows and place them on a table. Then, enjoy yourself as you make up names and individual background stories for each one. Let the guy Peeps ask the girl Peeps out for a night on the town. Your peers may think

you're crazy but your Peeps will never judge you.

**3) Destroy A Peep-** There has been a long running myth about the apparent immortality of Peeps. Many have tried sinking them in water, burning them, and even running over the poor chicks in a car. The objective of this fun experiment is to find out exactly what it takes to destroy a Peep.

**2) Peep Jackson-** This activity involves gathering all your Peep friends around the computer for story time. Log on to Lordofthepeeps.com for an almost disturbingly detailed adaptation of J.R. Tolkien's work with pictures. You'll laugh, and you'll cry as you never have before. You and your Peep friends just might feel better about yourselves after reading through all nine chapters.

**1) Be A Peepcaso-** Satisfy your creative impulses by making some art with the candies, as abstract as you desire. The good thing about this activity is that the only limit is your imagination, and when working with the little guys, there's no such thing as a "starving artist."

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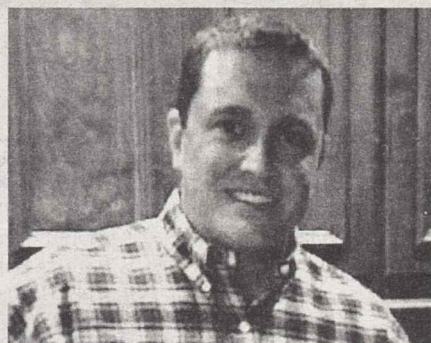
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The development, which consists of 171 homes, already has all of its grading, gutter and sewer work complete. Foundations for the homes are the next step and then home construction is set to begin in early May. "We are actually ahead of schedule with the project," Chimney Ridge developer Matt Taylor says. "The entire neighborhood will be complete this July - ready for an August 1st move-in."

Taylor, who has designed and built similar student-oriented developments in Auburn, Alabama and Statesboro, Georgia, said he was forced to send a letter from his attorney to an area student-housing complex after his staff discovered they were spreading false information. "We started receiving phone calls from students who have leased from us concerned their house wouldn't be ready in August because of what they had heard from staff at other complexes," said Taylor. "So, we called over there and sure enough, they told us not to sign a lease at Chimney Ridge because 'it will not be ready in time for the fall semester.' It's unacceptable behavior

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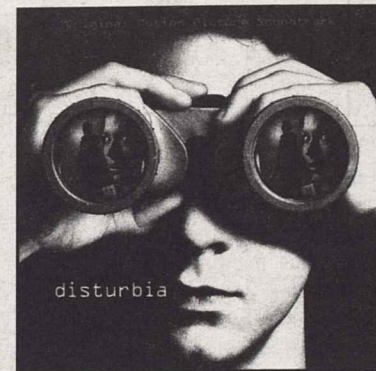
## DVDs

### "Bobby," April 10

Based on the reviews of Emilio Estevez's biopic on the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy, Estevez should stick to "Mighty Duck" movies. Who else is waiting for "D4: Duckin' It Quadrilateral-Style?" Still, Estevez was able to get a huge cast of respected actors (Laurence Fishburne, Anthony Hopkins and William H. Macy), hot tabloid stars (Lindsay Lohan, Ashton Kutcher and Nick Cannon) and some really questionable casting choices (Harry Belafonte, Christian Slater and someone named London Bridges).

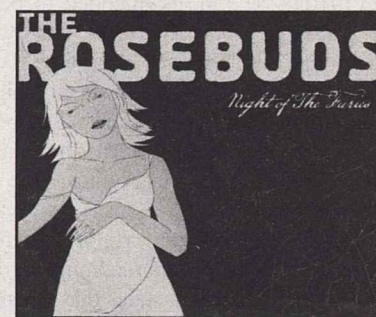
**MICHAEL HUNLEY**  
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Berry as a journalist who suspects Bruce Willis of killing her best friend. Yawn. Wake us when Balki gets his own movie.



### "Disturbia," April 13

In this teenaged version of "Rear Window," Shia LaBeouf plays some young punk who is under house arrest and suspects his creepy neighbor of murder. For some reason, TimeOut thinks that Hitchcock doesn't need to worry about any competition from this film. Why? Maybe because the film's tagline is "Every killer lives next door to someone," and that makes NO SENSE.



## CDs

### "Nights of the Furies," The Rosebuds, April 10

This delightful indie rock band hails from Charlotte, N.C. and creates sweet, sweet music, particularly off of their 2005 album "Birds Make Good Neighbor." More audiences will hopefully embrace the band with their new CD, which TimeOut commands you to go out and buy. Don't question us. Just do it.

### "Sleeping Dogs Lie," April 10

Because this is a family publication, TimeOut can't disclose the entire plot of this independent film from director/writer Bob "Bobcat" Goldthwait, which actually received some decent reviews at the Sundance Film Festival. But all we'll say is that it involves a young woman who confesses to her fiancé that she once got a little frisky ... with her dog. We'll just leave it at that. Watch it with a loved one.

## MOVIES

### "Perfect Stranger," April 13

Shut up, TimeOut is a huge "Perfect Strangers" fan! Who doesn't love the wacky ethnic misadventures of Balki Bartokomous and his cousin Larry, and it's about time the sitcom came to the big screen! Remember that episode where Balki ... Oh. Wait. This is "Perfect STRANGER," a really bad thriller. It stars Halle

### "Ear Drum," Talib Kweli, April 10

Along with Mos Def, Kweli is one of the most acclaimed rappers working today. A pithy little blurb can't really do his work justice, so we'll just leave you with a few titles of his previous songs: "Drugs, Basketball and Rap," "Roll Off Me," "Back Up Offa Me" and, of course, "Hater Players."

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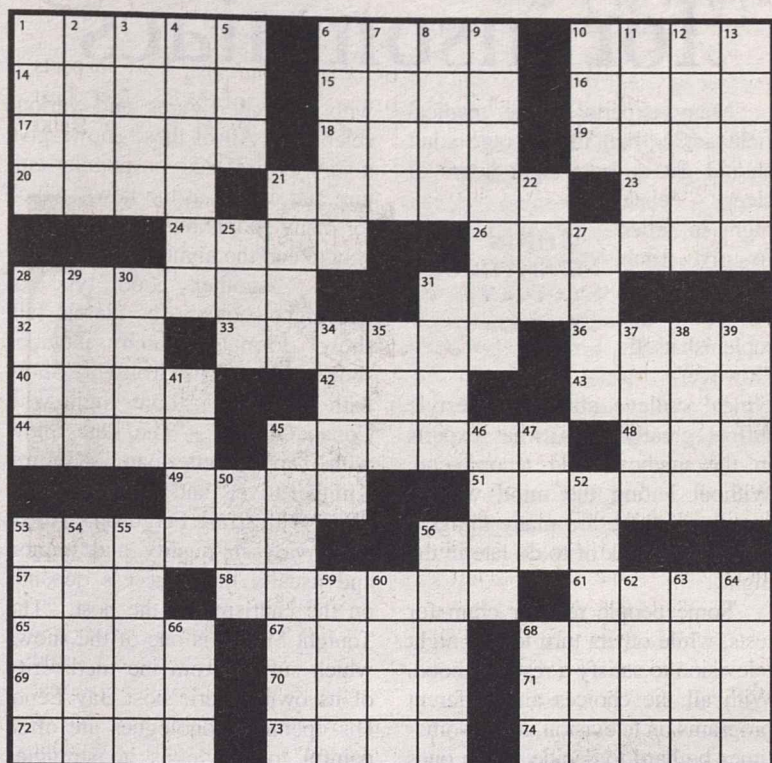
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## ON THE PROWL

by ORSON SWELLES

College is all about learning not only skills for one's particular trade but also learning about the world around us and the human condition. I try to lecture on one specific area of life, but I am by no means an expert on everything related to sex. Once and a while I have to bring in a guest teacher to share his or her specialty.

This week, I present to you an unnamed, married male who is a swinger, meaning that he and his wife consent to having sex with other people (usually other swinging couples) as a part of their faithful union. Hopefully you will find this guest speaker as informative as I did, and be sure to attend lecture next Friday for the conclusion of this lesson.

**Orson Swelles:** First, what do you and your partner consider swinging?

**Phantom Swinger:** We classify relationships with other adults on a wholly consensual basis swinging. The consent's got to be there and everyone has to be on the same page. People that do this are not out to wreck homes or steal spouses. Those people are cheaters.

**OS:** How did you and your partner decide to start swinging?

**PS:** My wife approached me about it one day. She was raised in an oppressive environment and was told that sex was

nothing short of pure concentrated evil milked from the teats of Satan himself while growing up.

**OS:** Sounds like the sentiment around these parts.

**PS:** She was never one to really play along with the BS fed to her as a kid and had a more open mind about sex. In her teens, she decided this sounded like a fun time, which it is, I might add. I was no stranger to fooling around before I met her. I was screwing her best friend who had an open marriage when we met.

**OS:** So once you decided to proceed, how did you go about finding your first experience?

**PS:** We spent a lot of time looking into it. Swinging can easily kill a relationship if you get screwed over your first time, and that was something we didn't want to risk. We played it safe. A lot of couples hop in and fool around with their best friend, but that is a drama-bomb waiting to blow. We didn't want to risk losing a friend and figured introducing friendship into a physical relationship was a lot easier than fitting physicality in a friendship. In short, we hit every damned swinger site we could find and did a lot of footwork.

**OS:** So where did your first

experience take place?

**PS:** After spending a few months making sure we wanted to screw the people around us, we arranged a dinner date with a couple that hosts huge parties regularly.

We wine, dine and watched "Mean Girls," tweaking nipples subtly all the way. It's one way to beat the shyness.

**OS:** Note to self: Rent "Mean Girls."

**PS:** Before long, we paired off and were full-on swingers.

**OS:** For people who may be curious, what exactly happens with two couples who are full swingers?

**PS:** We're a bit different than most couples. Our first time was separate room play (sex) and most people don't trust themselves enough to do that, not that early on. Most couples start off slow and do same-room sex which is actually surprisingly common among non-swingers.

**OS:** Now when you say same-room sex...

**PS:** Swapping.

**OS:** Ah, touché. So what exactly do you say after a swap?

**PS:** "Where the hell are my underwear?"

**OS:** Is it ever awkward after?

**PS:** It can be, but it's never happened to us. Our experience has always been people laughing at what happened and helping each other find their clothes.

As I mentioned earlier, the rest of this interview (dealing with sexually transmitted diseases, jealousy and fantasies) will conclude next week.



## EVENT: 356 Party holds purpose from page D1

Ludacris, the Wu Tang Clan and The Wailers.

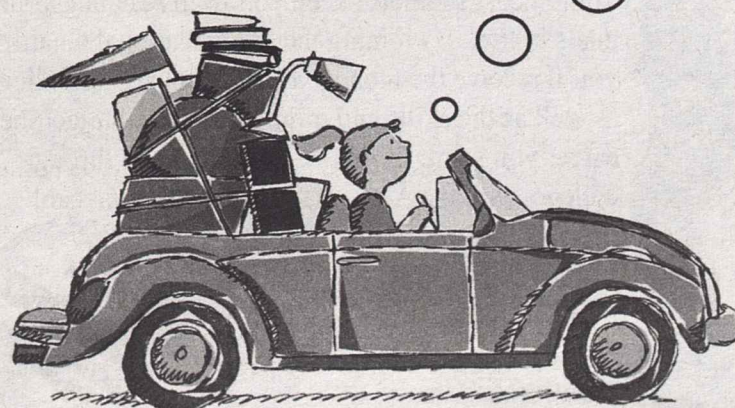
"Our goals are to donate to an arts charity, to expose people to arts they might not be familiar with for free, and to just have a really enjoyable evening," said Stoeber.

Students and residents of Clemson are encouraged to stop in any time during the evening to enjoy

the many presentations of artistic display. The event is free, but donations will be accepted for the Alexander Strings Project.

"Our number one goal for our project is to benefit the local community as much as possible," Stoeber said. "We hope that a variety of people stop in and are able to appreciate each type of art presented."

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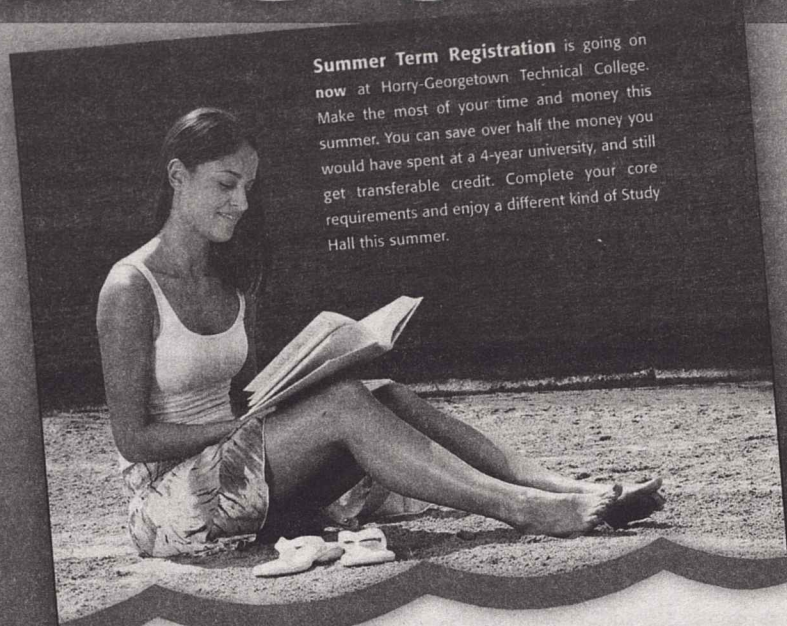


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## Late night not just for insomniacs

Many experts in the medical field advise that the average adult should get at least eight hours of sleep each night in order to give time for the body to rest and replenish itself.

**CHRIS CANTRELL**  
STAFF WRITER

However, a typical college student's lifestyle differs greatly from what experts in the medical field recommend. Without letting the mind wander too much, there are many things a person can think of to do late in the night.

Some people read or cram for tests, while others turn to late-night television to satisfy a restless mood. With all the choices and different programs on television, it can sometimes be hard to decide which ones to watch.

One type of late-night show that many people come across is the informative satire, shows that tickle the funny bone while providing the audience with an underlying educational layer. Of course, the most well known is probably Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," which has been around for about 10 years.

It is highly regarded for its witty topical humor, which has been largely politically based in recent years.

The show presents the news in a very cynical manner, but it also manages to inform the viewer using satire and its guest interviews. "The Daily Show" and its spin-off show, "The Colbert Report," have boosted the careers of many unknown authors by having them as guests on their shows.

Another program that is similar to these two is HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher." Although a little more politically biased and hard-edged than Comedy Central's offerings, Maher is able to generate laughs while debating current events

with political figures and various celebrities. All of these shows give a very cynical take on popular culture and events in the news, which for many people may be the perfect way to end the night.

Another good type of late night show is the classic talk show format, which includes shows like "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Jimmy Kimmel Live," and "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson." All of these vary in quality and humor, and usually their success depends on the charisma of the host. "The Tonight Show" is one of the shows which suffers from the mediocrity of its own generic host, Jay Leno. His opening monologues are often painful to watch, as he struggles through very predictable jokes. The same can also be said about "Jimmy Kimmel Live," which also provides fairly childish humor. Not all of the late night television shows are bad though. There are some that are able to consistently get laughs every night. In recent years the popularity of Conan O'Brien's show has risen dramatically and he draws in large numbers of viewers many nights. He represents a different style of humor when compared to his constituents, as he operates in a more casual and relaxed environment.

Among all of these shows, there is one that people should keep there eye on. "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" is surprisingly very entertaining. Ferguson's thick accent complements his outlandish comedic style, and like Stewart, he enjoys pointing out many of the hypocrisies in the news.

As you can see, there are tons of shows out there to watch late in the night. While some are better than others, it is not hard to filter out the bad ones and find the best way to procrastinate sleeping for a few hours longer.

## BLADES: Ferrell, Heder twirl themselves silly *from page D1*

to laugh: because they're completely irrelevant and because they don't make any sense. This being said, "Blades of Glory" lacked what other Ferrell and Heder movies boasted. Nevertheless, I "Blades of Glory" earns a four out of five on the scale o' greatness. I love Will Ferrell, I love Jon Heder, and I really love

when they are in the same movie twirling around like fairy boys. You should all check the movie out for yourself and decide what you think. Bear in mind that "Blades of Glory" is kind of like "Talladega Nights" meets "Zoolander," which makes for a very insane movie. So, sit back and enjoy.

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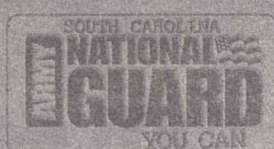


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# A few final words

AMANDA GURGANUS

STAFF WRITER



I went to The Tiger for something to do and leave now having done something important. Endless nights until 3 or 4 a.m., lots of greasy pizza and changing the same sentence five times marked the beginning of friendships, pride in a product and an experience that can never be matched.

College was fun, don't get me wrong, but now it is time to move on. I came to Clemson University ready for something new, but what I found was a reprise of what I had been before. I tried all different types of activities to try to find something besides dance and music that I could be involved in at Clemson. I tried Clemson Crew, Chong Nhu, fencing and a few more, but none of them stuck for long.

As a sophomore, I followed a roommate to a TimeOut meeting on a whim and decided that it was something that I actually enjoyed doing. Ironically, The Tiger is the only thing I ever spent much time doing and became the only place at

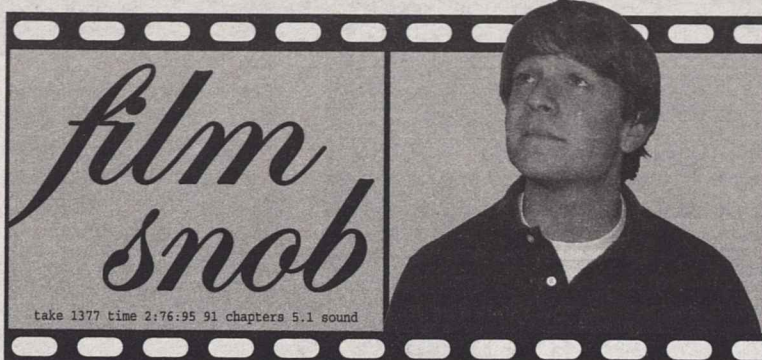
Clemson I ever really belonged to.

I felt like I was wandering throughout most of my college career without anywhere to go. My advice, for what it is worth, is to find something you enjoy, no matter where life takes you, and stick with it because that is where you will find friends who allow you to be who you are and give you somewhere to go when life gets rough.

My junior year, I met the love of my life, Stephen McCusker at a potluck dinner hosted by a mutual friend. That was hands down the best year of college. Unfortunately, Stephen accepted a job in Orlando, Fla. at Electronic Arts. I am happy for him because he is so happy, but that also meant he was eight hours away.

This year I felt like I've been saying "On the road again" constantly. I travel down to Orlando almost every weekend. It is totally worth it, but I'm very ready for this semester to end so we can live in the same state again. I'm even more excited because on Sept. 22, I will gain the last name McCusker.

So I graduate with a BA in English and have no idea what to do next. But Clemson and The Tiger were good to me and those memories will last forever. Go Tigers!



CHRIS JAYNES

STAFF WRITER

With all our free time over the summer there are many ways, other than beer pong, to have fun while you are drinking. Or, maybe after one long month of playing beer pong and doing keg stands you want to relax for a laid back Fourth of July. The easiest way to drink and have fun is to play a drinking game with a good movie.

Um, Chris, have you gone bourgeois? No, I do realize that with most of my articles I have been trying to open you up to new movies that will broaden your taste. But, I am not under any delusions that movies shouldn't be entertaining, so I don't go with the standard must-watch films. My biggest wish for you all is to find movies you like and turn them into a social event. Movies are a great thing, but they are meant to be enjoyed with a group, and watching a movie with a few of your closest friends is one of those times when life seems great.

To appeal to different tastes in movies and beverages I am going to break this down into classes, from the hob-nobbing event down to the getting hammered and having a good time (pants optional) event.

Sometimes you want to enjoy a thought-provoking classic with

a fine wine. The object here is not to get sloshed, but to get livelier. In 1931, Fritz Lang directed the classic film "M." The epitome of Weimar Cinema, "M" is Lang's first film with sound, but he shows a mastery of off-screen sound that has yet to be rivaled. To accompany this film, I would suggest Gunderloch Riesling Kabinett Baptiste, an elegant zesty Reisling. Any German Riesling will do. Sip at will, because these are fine wines, but to play "Mmmmm I feel lighted headed," you will have to take a sip every time there is picture of a clock (a Langian signature), Beckart whistles his tune, or whenever a character looks into a store window display.

Any of Wes Anderson's films would do with nice import beer. His movies are a blend of high-brow with lowbrow, forming a unique uni-brow experience. But for the purposes of the game the "Royal Tene-blotto," we are going to use the film about a dysfunctional family—"The Royal Tenenbaums." With your case of Import, or at least micro brew, drink once every time someone says Tenenbaums. Anytime someone calls Ritchie the Baumer, take two drinks, and whenever someone rides on the back of a garbage truck, take three drinks.

This one is called "The Good, the Bad, and the Drunk." Clint Eastwood is a nameless drifter

in the ultimate spaghetti western from director Sergio Leone who, along with two others, is in search of a store of gold. "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" is the final installment of the "Dollars" trilogy, but it is by far the best. You can use straight tequila or margaritas—this is a western. Every time one of the three main characters shoots somebody, take a shot or two sips. Take another shot, or two drinks, any time Blondie (Eastwood) calls Tuco "Dagwood." Lastly, every time you hear Ennio Morricone's famous twangy notes—the whaaa whaaa—take two shots or four sips. Sadly, you probably won't make it all the way through this epic, which unfortunately means you'll miss one of the greatest scenes, which is in the cemetery at the very end.

Lastly, I know we all need a good laugh and a lot of cheap beer sometimes. I'm not going to tell you what kind of cheap beer to get, but if you can get more than 24 of them for \$10, then you probably have a cheap beer. Just like cheap beer, most comedies can be interchanged. For the game "Will three-sheets-to-the-wind Ferrell" I suggest watching none other than "Talladega Nights: the Ballad of Ricky Bobby." Take one drink whenever an advertisement is mentioned, or a popular product is mentioned by name—this could be enough to get you soused. Take two for every "shake and bake." Whenever someone says the phrase, "If you're not first you're last," take three drinks. Since it falls in the middle of the movie, have a race to see who can chug a beer the fastest when Ricky Bobby crashes for the first time. If you're not first, you're last, so chug another, loser.

Make up your own and choose different movies. Have a fun and safe summer.

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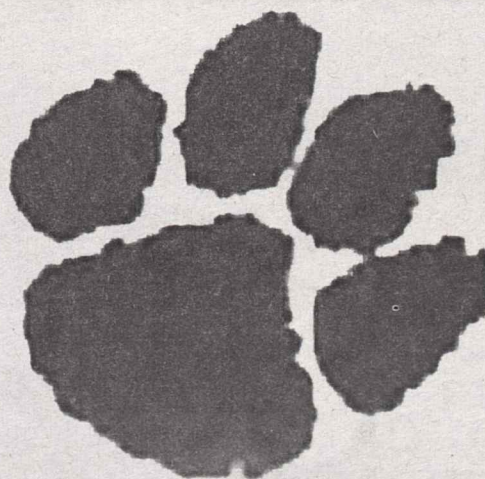


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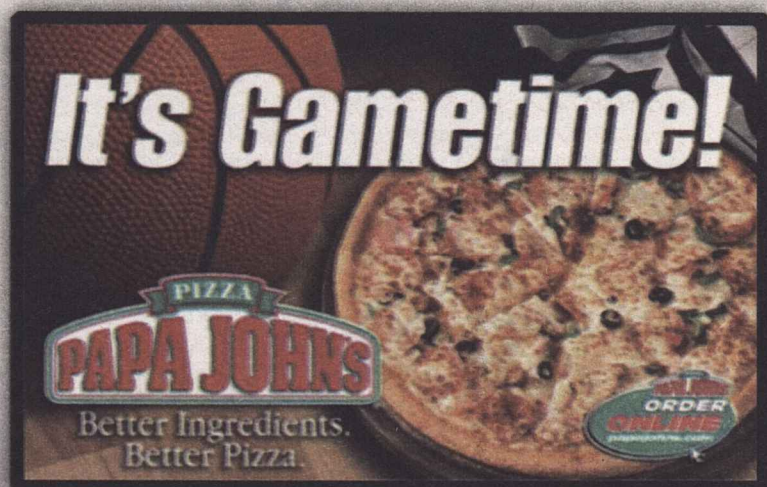
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# PIERCING PREDICAMENTS PIERCING PREDICAMENTS PIERCING PREDICAMENTS PIERCING PREDICAMENTS

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The past few weeks I've been debating whether or not to get something else pierced. My lobes are gauged beyond standard size. I pierced my own second holes. I even fell into the sweet 16 trend of piercing your belly button. What else is there to do? If I pierce my lip or my eyebrow, my dad will stop paying my college tuition. Not to mention, my mom sent me a Valentine's card that read: "Happy Valentine's Day to a beautiful precious daughter who's loved dearly...please don't get anything else pierced." My mind-reading mom shot down my thoughts without even knowing it!

The idea of body decoration by piercing dates back to 3300 B.C. Two German tourists discovered Otzi the Iceman whom scientists dated back to pre-historic ages. Encased in ice, his mummified body preserved even his thin, pierced ears. Nose piercing in India began in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and still represents beauty. The Egyptians commonly

pierced their eyebrows as a sign of royalty and continue to do so today. The Aborigines claimed their warrior status by piercing their septum (the space in between your nostril). Tongue piercings were frequent among ancient Mayan civilizations since they believed the piercing guaranteed the ability to speak to their ancestors. Even Roman and Greek athletes during the first Olympic Games pierced their foreskin to place more focus on the games by preventing erections.

Today, piercing your body is simply trendy and fashionable. It's unique and separates you from the rest of the crowd. For some, it symbolizes rebellion against previous generations. Parents despise them and teachers do not understand them. For us, piercings represent individuality, creative body part accentuation and expression. Piercings are very similar to tattoos, except not as permanent. And just like tattoos, piercings can be addictive.

Thinking about  
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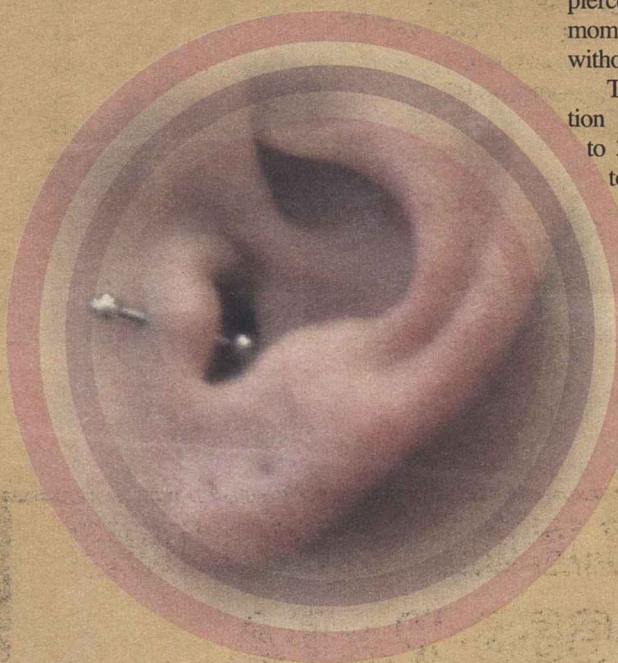
nose or somewhere down-under? There are hundreds of options – but where to begin? Your ears are the most common, safest and perhaps the most accepted place to pierce. Roughly nine distinct spots on your ear can be pierced, including your rook and tragus.

Other facial piercings include your lip, tongue, nostril, septum, eyebrow, cheek and beauty mark. The beauty mark is coined the Marilyn Monroe because of her trademark mole. Almost any piercing can be gauged larger, although many prefer gauging their ear lobes. The average size for ear lobe piercing is 20 to 18 gauge, whereas the navel is 14 gauge. As the gauge number decreases, the size of the hole increases.

Apart from your face, other penetrable areas are worth mentioning. Men and women both pierce their nipples, vertically and horizontally. Women risk loss of sensation and problems breastfeeding in the future. The top of the navel is

another common piercing, even though the bottom may be pierced too. The winner for most painful body part piercing goes to any piece of the genital region for both sexes. Options "down there" are endless, infections are outrageous and the susceptibility of contracting STD's are overwhelmingly high. Did I mention you cannot participate in sexual activity for up to six months?

Most importantly, be informed before you penetrate your skin with a needle. Choosing a well-known and sanitized piercing shop should be your first priority. You don't want to see a cockroach race across the floor or risk infection from an unsanitary needle. Whatever Body Piercing in Greenville and All or Nothing Tattoo Studio and Gallery in Atlanta are two great places to start. The healing process for different piercings varies and tending to your piercing is important. After paying up to \$50 for a piercing and jewelry, the last thing you want to do is have to take it out due to poor hygiene.





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